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Thatcher and Baker clash on school testing

Labour leak letter revealing sharp gulf

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Downing Street yesterday began investigating how a letter from the Prime Minister to Mr Kenneth Baker disclosing a serious rift over education policy came to be made public.

The letter, leaked by the Labour Party but not yet the subject of a formal inquiry, discloses Mrs Thatcher's deep antipathy towards the formula put forward by her Secretary of State for Education and Science for the testing of pupils throughout their school careers.

The sharp difference of view

revived speculation among Conservative MPs that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Baker, one of her chief lieutenants, remain ideologically apart whatever their public posture.

Insiders were also suggesting that the Prime Minister's letter reflects her distrust of senior officials at the Department of Education and Science and the educational establishment rather than any lack of confidence in her minister.

She retains a deep suspicion of the department since her days as education minister in the Heath government. Nevertheless, the tone and content of the letter were seen at Westminster as amounting to a rebuke for Mr Baker.

Labour MPs were quick to point out past differences between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Baker over the degree to which schools would take up the opportunity to opt out of local authority control, and the confusion that marred the launch of the education section of the Tory manifesto when Mr Baker had to counter Mrs Thatcher's suggestion that grant-maintained schools might be able to charge fees.

The letter, from Mr Paul Gray, the Prime Minister's private secretary responsible for home affairs, to Mr Tom Jeffrey, Mr Baker's principal private secretary, was made public by Mr Jack Straw, the Labour spokesman on education. He said it revealed the "major gulf" between the two.

Mr Gray's letter, which stems from a report published in January by the Secretary of State, was drawn up by the Government-appointed task group on assessment and testing chaired by Professor Paul Black of King's College, London.

Mr Straw seized on the point about the nature of the testing programme as the crux of the matter, pointing out that both Labour and the National Union of Teachers had welcomed the emphasis on using the new tests to help individual pupils remedy their deficiencies.

He said of Professor Black's report: "It accepts that at any given age you would have to have different levels of attainment at different levels."

"The report is a complete rejection of right-wing Tory thinking on testing and Ken Baker welcomed it."

"Mrs Thatcher wants to set a free market in education and the share price information is going to be the test results. The Black report blew a hole in a market-based school system because it said that the share price index could not operate."

Government sources made surprisingly little attempt to play down the alleged rift, saying that, in her letter, the Prime Minister was seeking to obtain a "simpler system of testing in schools" and one that was "more straightforward and less costly."

Mr Baker, appearing before the all-party Commons select committee on education, said there was no difference between him and the Prime Minister over testing.

He had broadly welcomed the report, but there were further aspects to be looked at and this was being done by Professor Black who would be reporting back by Easter.

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putting flesh on the bones of the Tory manifesto commitment to underpin the proposed national curriculum by bringing in benchmark testing of all pupils in basic subjects at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16, and by publishing the results on a school-by-school basis. Its report was welcomed by Mr Baker, who complimented Professor Black on the "speed and thoroughness" of the group's work.

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Pharaoh's hoard



Lord Carnarvon is taking legal advice over the move by the Egyptian authorities to reclaim 300 treasures discovered at his home last weekend.

The grandson of the financial backer of the 1922 Tutankhamun expedition said yesterday he would resist pressure for the return of the

artefacts, which he intends to display at Highclere Castle when it opens to the public for the first time this summer.

The Egyptian move came in a telegram from Mr Farouk Hosni, Minister of Culture, who urged his London embassy to press for the return of

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IRA designed super-deadly bomb for Gibraltar



The array of Semtex high-power military explosive, 200 Kalashnikov rounds, detonators, timers and wires from the IRA car bomb

200 live rounds taped to mass of explosives

The full horrific details of the bomb that the IRA had planned to go off at the changing of the guard ceremony in Gibraltar on Tuesday morning, was revealed yesterday. Security sources described the device as one of the most devastating ever produced by the IRA.

The bomb, found in the hired white Ford Fiesta at an underground car park in the resort of Marbella, on the Costa del Sol in southern Spain, consisted of 141lb of Czechoslovakian-made Semtex military explosives.

There were also 200 Soviet AK-47 Kalashnikov rounds strapped to the plastic material for deadly fragmentation effects, five detonators and two timing devices. There was no remote control device. The Spanish police said that the total weight of the bomb, including the rounds, was 220lb. Security sources said that the bomb had all the hallmarks of the Provisional IRA. It was possible that its

design could even pinpoint the person who built it.

The built-in shrapnel device, using the Kalashnikov rounds, was seen by the security authorities as the fourth IRA terrorist who set up the planned Gibraltar bomb massacre was named last night as a woman calling herself Mary Parkin. Four times last month, on every Tuesday, she travelled from the gang's Malaga base to reconnoitre the site chosen for the bombing.

clear evidence that the IRA had planned to kill hundreds of people. Bomb-disposal sources said that the impact of such powerful explosives in the confined area where the car bomb would have been placed, near the changing of the guard ceremony in Gibraltar, would have been so devastating that all the buildings nearby would have been "structurally damaged."

The Semtex military explosives, part of the five shipments of weapons that got through to the IRA from Libya before the seizure of the trawler Eksund, containing a cargo of arms, in November last year, are at least "10 times more powerful" than normal commercial material.

The device was set for 11.20am on Tuesday, when the band and guard of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment performed the colourful weekly ceremony, watched by crowds of local people and tourists. The car swap routine, ensuring a space for the hidden bomb, has been used frequently by the IRA.

Although details of the timing devices were not revealed by the Spanish police, it was believed that the IRA had used another of its favourite techniques - adapting the timing mechanism of a video recorder to control when detonation would occur.

If the IRA had succeeded in parking the white Fiesta in Gibraltar, a terrorist would have had to switch on the device to activate the timer.

Security sources said that Kalashnikov rounds had not been used before as shrapnel by the IRA. On many occasions, its terrorists surrounded explosives with bolts or nails. In Northern Ireland, the shrapnel weapon is known as "shipyard confetti".

The sources said it was unlikely that the rounds would have gone off but the effect would have been just as lethal.

Surprise move halts council cash schemes

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government last night rushed through regulations to stop high spending councils from beating Government controls and raising cash by leasing their assets to banks, stacking up debts for future generations of ratepayers or poll tax payers.

When challenged by Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour's Environment spokesman, to provide time for discussion before making his changes, Mr Ridley said that could not be done. Last time the Government had allowed time for consultation, deals worth some £2 billion had been rushed through in the interim.

Temporary regulations to outlaw such schemes would take effect from midnight and would be confirmed in the Local Government Finance Bill.

Mr Ridley also told MPs that two recent court decisions on rates would be reversed, also from midnight, by further changes proposed to the Bill.

The House of Lords recently ruled that those living adjacent to rate-free Enterprise Zones should be able to seek reductions in their rates.

The Government is to insist that properties can be rated only on the physical "state of the locality", as before.

Second, the Government has acted to reverse another court decision which meant that many water authorities were paying lower rates than intended on their sewage plant and office buildings.

It was an "unacceptable" mortgaging of the future. Several hundred million pounds was involved.

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Due to technical problems, today's Portfolio game has been suspended. The daily prize of £4,000 will be added to the Accumulator fund. Portfolio will resume tomorrow when there will be two chances to win: the daily £4,000 or - if your number is higher than the daily total - the contents of the Accumulator fund now standing at £108,000.

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America's Super Tuesday Delegate triumph for Bush

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Super Tuesday was a resounding triumph for Vice-President George Bush, assuring him of the Republican nomination in August. But it has left the Democratic race more muddled than before, with no candidate emerging as a clear winner.

Celebrating an almost clean sweep of the 17 Republican contests, Mr Bush yesterday jubilantly predicted that he will win his party's nomination and the presidency. With some 700 of the 1,139 delegates needed for nomination, even his rivals were privately conceding that he is now unstoppable.

He beat Senator Robert Dole in every state except Washington, where the only Republican caucus gave victory to Mr Pat Robertson and second place to Mr Dole. Elsewhere, the Vice-President led by margins so large that he captured all the delegates in

the state. Overall, he gained 500 delegates compared with only 99 for Mr Dole and a derisory 10 for Mr Robertson.

On the Democratic side, victory in the 20-state election was split three ways. The Rev Jesse Jackson, surpassing even his own supporters' hopes, led the popular vote with 27 per cent, closely followed by Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Albert Gore, each with 26 per cent.

As expected, Mr Dukakis won the big delegate-rich prizes of Texas, Florida and his home state of Massachusetts.

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sets. With a total gain of 360 delegates, he had a slight lead in the only tally that counts toward nomination, but was closely followed by Mr Jackson, with 350 delegates, and Mr Gore with 320. Overall, Mr Dukakis still remains the national front-runner.

Congressman Richard Gephardt, who won the Iowa caucuses a month ago, suffered a heavy defeat.

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Russian air hijack ends in gun battle

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A Soviet air hostess, three passengers and a number of hijackers were killed on Tuesday when Soviet security forces staged an assault to prevent a group of armed men who hijacked an Aeroflot airliner on an internal flight from leaving the Soviet Union.

A Tass account of the abortive hijacking gave no hint of the nationality of the group which tried to seize the plane, but the wording suggested that many people were involved.

"Measures were taken to render the criminals harmless, most of the criminals were killed, the others were captured and will face trial."

The TU-154 airliner, which can carry 130 passengers, was heading from the Siberian city of Irkutsk towards Leningrad with a scheduled stop-over in Kurgan, east of the Urals, when the incident took place.

In addition to the deaths, the report said there were other casualties but gave no figures. "The passengers were given necessary assistance on the spot," the agency added.

Although the relatively quick reporting of the incident was a reflection of glasnost, the policy's limits were also shown by the refusal to give any information about the hijackers' motives. Tass merely described the attempt as "an act of terrorism" and said that criminal proceedings had been instituted against the gunmen.

In the last reported hijacking here 18 months ago, two armed men - described by Soviet sources as drug addicts - seized a plane in the city of Ufa after shooting dead two policemen and killing two passengers before they, in turn, were shot by the security forces.

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Queen Mother's 'distress' at closure of ward

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

The Queen Mother entered the fray about the National Health Service yesterday, expressing her "distress" that a hospital ward which she opened less than a year ago has closed.

As 500 nurses from the Royal College of Nursing lobbied the Commons over NHS funding, it was disclosed that the Queen Mother's office had sent a letter to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, inquiring why a special unit for elderly patients at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, had been shut.

The letter, from the Queen Mother's Comptroller at Clarence House, London, which has been forwarded to Mr Ian Grist, Under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, asks for information about a five-bed high-dependency ward at St Tydfil's Hospital which was opened last April.

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"If we get a report about something closing, a hospital or anything else, we find out about it," a spokesman for Clarence House said yesterday.

The spokesman made clear that the Queen Mother was not trying to make a political statement about the NHS. He said: "The inquiry about St Tydfil's is nothing out of the ordinary. Certainly the Queen Mother was concerned that it was going to close,

but she has made several similar inquiries."

The initiative was in response to a letter from Mr Bryn Williams, secretary of Merthyr and Cynon Valley Community Health Council.

Mr Williams said he had also received a letter from Clarence House saying that the Queen Mother had heard of the closure "with much distress."

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Action on crime

People must work together for safer society, says Hurd

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

An advertising campaign costing £11.5 million to encourage individuals and families to fight crime was launched yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

A television commercial shows children saying that they want to grow up in a neighbourhood where people do not snuff glue, no one breaks into homes to steal things, and where sisters come home safely without being worried by horrible men.

The message, emphasized repeatedly in the campaign, is "Crime - together we'll crack it".

Remedies offered are simple, direct and practical - especially if people work together, the campaign says. In one advertisement a series of pictures illustrates the theme of co-operation. The captions run: "This is the alley, that scared the child, who told the teacher, who spoke to the police, who contacted the owners, who asked the builder to make it safe".

Mr Hurd said: "We can outwit and defeat the burglar and the mugger. We can all use our imagination and energy to achieve safer homes, streets and cities."

Mr Hurd invited the public to telephone 01-200-1000 to obtain copies of a free illustrated handbook accompanying the campaign.

The handbook advises how to prevent the most common crimes, burglary and car theft; how to form neighbourhood watch schemes; how to set up other schemes that might involve local business; and how to reduce crime in the workplace.

A front door with various security devices is shown. It has a peephole, a chain, an automatic deadlock, a mortice deadlock, and hinges with bolts for extra protection against the use of force.

Mr Hurd said that drawing attention to the horrors of crime, particularly violent crime, could increase fear of it, even among people in relatively safe areas.

The second part of the Government's message, however, was: "You can do something about it. You don't have to be afraid of crime, feeling it is inevitable and that you or your neighbours are powerless, because you are not."

Mr Roger Birch, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said people were fed up with cities, towns

and villages being spoiled by santon damage, graffiti and litter and with mindless violence and attacks on property, which gave a general feeling of insecurity.

If through the campaign more people could be persuaded to take simple steps to protect their property and themselves, then police time spent on the investigation of crimes that should have been prevented could be devoted to patrolling the streets and giving the sort of reassurance for which the public was constantly crying out.

Even simple precautions are often neglected. Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, said about 20 per cent of drivers left their car door unlocked. A quarter of all house burglars simply walked in through unlocked doors or climbed through unbolted windows.

Previous campaigns have helped to increase public awareness of crime prevention and increase the number of homes fitted with window locks. They have also encouraged the growth of neighbourhood watch schemes to the present level of about 45,000 schemes.

Two million drink and drive

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The drink driver most likely to have an accident is a single male aged between 20 and 24 who is semi-skilled or unemployed and drinks beer at a public house within three miles of home, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, the first of accidents involving drink drivers, revealed that more than 10 per cent of motorists who drove after drinking more than the legal limit had no driving licence or had been disqualified. A similar number held a provisional licence.

The survey was carried out into accidents in Nottinghamshire over the past 12 months, as part of a £350,000 research study into drink driving, which claims 1,500 lives a year.

Announcing the findings yesterday, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trans-

port, said existing research was 20 years old and a government study was 10 years overdue. He said it was essential to know just how much drinking and driving was going on.

Campaigns to discourage drink driving over the past two years had been successful. "Eight years ago there were eight million drink drivers and that has been reduced to two million, but one in five males are still prepared to drink above the legal alcohol limit and then drive", he said.

He confirmed that, as part of the research, Department of Transport officials are to make 2,000 roadside checks on motorists in Warwickshire and Sussex between the hours of 10pm and 3am during April, May and June. Drivers will be stopped at random and asked to take part in the survey.

The research, which will be published, would not be a forerunner to legislation for random breath testing or a lower legal alcohol limit.

Fox returns to BBC in top job

By Andrew Billen

BBC Television yesterday announced that Mr Paul Fox, one of Independent Television's most experienced station chiefs, is to be its new managing director.

Mr Fox, is managing director of Yorkshire Television and chairman of Independent Television News. His appointment, which includes the chairmanship of BBC Enterprises, means a return to the corporation after 15 years: from 1967 to 1973 Mr Fox was controller of BBC1. His first job in television was as a script writer at the BBC in 1959.

Mr Michael Checkland, BBC director-general, said Mr Fox's new role was "the biggest job in television".

Mr Fox, aged 62, has been given a three-year contract, starting April 25. Last year he ruled himself out as a candidate for the vacant post of director-general because he was past the normal BBC retirement age. An exception was made for the new contract.

Yesterday Mr Fox said the BBC had recaptured its confidence in the past year and that the new licence fee agreement had assured its future.

He criticized last week's *World In Action* programme which argued that the BBC had been cowed by the Government. "I thought it was reprehensible. It was not clever and it was below the high standards of *World In Action* and Granada - it was a hatchet job", Mr Fox said.

Referring to possible political pressure in his new job, Mr Fox said: "I was at the BBC when Harold Wilson was Prime Minister. It wasn't exactly fun and games then. I may be sensitive in some things but I have a fairly thick skin when it comes to politics."

Mr Fox said he had no intention of selling his shareholding in Yorkshire Television. It was too small to influence the station's policy. Shake-up threat, page 7



Mr Paul Fox, the new managing director of BBC Television, sitting in at the studios yesterday after his three-year appointment was announced (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

GP suspended for affair with patient

By Howard Foster

A doctor who had a two-month affair with a woman patient while her husband was confiding in him that he was worried about her fidelity was suspended from practising for 12 months yesterday.

The decision to stop Dr John Skinner, of Swaffham in Norfolk, from continuing as a general practitioner was greeted with dismay by a group of some 25 local women who had attended the professional conduct committee hearing at the General Medical Council's headquarters in London.

The women, and a few male patients of the doctor, had raised a 4,000-name petition to try to keep him in his practice after his former patient and practice manager, referred to throughout the hearing as Mrs B, alleged that they had had an affair in 1986.

Dr Skinner admitted the affair but argued that he was not guilty of abusing his position or of serious professional misconduct.

He admitted to the committee yesterday that he had betrayed the trust of Mrs B, with whom he shared a close friendship.

Miss Nicola Davies, for Dr Skinner, said: "The doctor does not hide for a moment that he betrayed the trust of Mrs B. It's a matter of considerable regret to him."

Mr B, an accident repair mechanic, told Sir Herbert Duthie, the committee chairman: "I would not spit on him if he was on fire."

Mr B said that when he saw his wife and Dr Skinner at the doctor's house: "It

was as if someone had scythed my legs off. I was shocked beyond belief. I was obviously yesterday's man. Dr Skinner said: 'Hi, come in, we've been waiting for you'. I stayed only a few seconds. It was total betrayal."

The affair between Dr Skinner and Mrs B had begun after Mr and Mrs B had held a joint fortieth birthday party. Mrs B thought that the Skinners had left without saying goodbye and in the course of setting matters straight the couple began cuddling one another at the surgery in Swaffham.

Their relationship developed as they drove around the secluded woods of the Queen's Sandringham Estate and eventually developed as they had sexual intercourse in country places and at the surgery.

Portfolio

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Accumulator Five share the £4,000 daily prize

A Conservative councillor and a building firm foreman are among the five winners sharing the daily Portfolio competition prize of £4,000. Each receives £800.

Mr Leslie Shaw, aged 66, a retired Civil Servant, of Old Kennels Lane, Olivers Battery, Winchester, Hampshire, was elected a city councillor for St Michael's ward last year.

He said: "I have been playing the competition since it started and I think we will spend the prize on a new fireplace or on refurbishing the house."

Mr James Allen, aged 30, a foreman, of Victoria Road, Finchin, Hertfordshire, is also planning to spend on home improvements. He said: "We are having an extension built now so this windfall will prove very useful."



Mr Shaw: hoping for a new fireplace.

Grandmother tells court of boy's wounds

The grandmother of a boy aged two who was allegedly locked in a tumble dryer by his mother said yesterday that she contacted social services.

The woman told Nottingham Crown Court that the injuries included a swollen lip, bruises on his back and buttocks, swelling behind an ear and sore genitals.

Mr Peter Joyce, for the prosecution, has alleged that the child's mother laughed after locking him in the dryer.

The mother, aged 25, of Newark, denies five charges of assault and cruelty. The trial continues today.

£100,000 loser 'not addicted'

A Jordanian racehorse owner who was allegedly swindled by a trainer said yesterday that he had lost £100,000 in one night at a London casino but denied he was addicted to gambling.

Mr Tawfiq Shakir Fakhour, who instructed the trainer, Mr Roger Fisher, to buy an unbroken three-year-old gelding in 1979, agreed through an interpreter at Preston Crown Court that he was a man of considerable wealth.

He owned two homes in Jordan, another in Israel, and in 1973 had paid £73,000 for a flat in London. His businesses included a factory in Genoa with 500 employees.

Mr Fisher, aged 45, denies three charges of obtaining property by deception, two of theft, one of forgery and one of attempting to obtain property by deception, involving a total of £49,200, while the racehorse, Ekbalco, was stabled at Great Head House, Bardsea, near Ulverston, Cumbria.

It is alleged that, capitalizing on Mr Fakhour's absence abroad, his preoccupation with business and his poor English, Mr Fisher, managing director of a paint manufacturing company, charged double the agreed amount for training and stabling, and exaggerated veterinary, farrier and travel expenses.

The trial continues today.

Labour force growth

More women will have jobs

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A greater proportion of women will have jobs in the next seven years, according to government figures.

The Department of Employment has increased its projected figures for the growth in the labour force between now and 1995, mainly because it believes more women will be at work.

The projections, presented in the March *Employment Gazette* published last night, suggest there will be a rise of 912,000 in the labour force by 1995, with 761,000 of this increase among women.

The sharp growth in the female labour force - which by the mid 1990s will have increased by more than 15 per cent compared with the early 1980s - contrasts with a static picture for men.

The number of women in the labour force is projected to grow to 12.26 million by 1995, compared with 11.49 million last year and 10.6 million in 1981. The male labour force is estimated at 15.82 million in 1995, against 15.67 million last year and 15.64 million in 1981.

The result of this will be a shift in the composition of the labour force from the early 1980s, when the number of females available for work was equivalent to two-thirds of the number of males, to the 1990s,

The desperate shortage of qualified accountants in nearly all sections of business and commerce will worsen unless attitudes towards women entering the profession is changed (John Spicer writes).

Mr Iain Gamage, managing director of Reed Accountancy, the specialist recruitment company, yesterday said that many schools and colleges do not promote accountancy as a suitable career for women.

Mr Gamage, who said the shortage of qualified accountants was reaching alarming proportions, was commenting on a survey his company had commissioned into the role of women in the profession.

when numbers of women workers are expected to have risen to four-fifths of male worker numbers.

The department has increased its estimated figures because it expects more women to work and also because recent falls in unemployment have brought forward a larger number of people wanting to work.

Between mid-1986 and mid-1987, the labour force is estimated to have grown by 426,000, more than double the department's original estimate of 194,000.

A bigger projected growth in the labour force suggests that more jobs will be needed to

He said it was discovered that women went into accountancy more for the intellectual challenge than for the financial rewards, indicating perhaps that it was the female practitioners who appreciated the wider role accountants could play in today's commercial world.

He said the day was not far off when there would be 10 jobs available for every qualified accountant. Even so, one third of women accountants said they had difficulty in obtaining jobs.

He said one in five of the 103 qualified women accountants they questioned started off in unqualified clerical and bookkeeping jobs.

ensure a continuing fall in unemployment. However, there will be a self-correcting mechanism: if unemployment stops falling, many women will be discouraged from seeking work.

● The TUC General Secretary, Mr Norman Willis, last night promised to help to lift women from "the bottom of the list".

Mr Willis told the opening session of the TUC Women's Conference at Blackpool that the TUC's Equal Rights Department, to fight for women's rights and disadvantaged groups, would be "up and running" by the next Congress meeting in September.

Computer angles that fail to add up

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

In the real world these shapes have their natural counterparts in billowing clouds and rugged mountain landscapes, which cannot be described satisfactorily in mathematical terms by the standard formulae of traditional geometry.

Professor Epstein believes the studies into shapes that cannot be drawn by hand, but which can be created by computers, could ultimately have an impact on the way structures are designed in the aerospace and car industries.

The formulae which allow Professor Epstein's strange triangles to be created by the computer belong to shapes described by hyperbolic geometry.

An illustration he uses involves the curvature of the leaf of the holly tree. The sum of the angles of a triangle traced on the leaf's curved surface are less than 180 degrees, because the lines joining the

three points would be in a hyperbolic plane.

In contrast, the angles of a spherical triangle, as traced on a globe by taking the equator and two lines of longitude, add up to more than 180 degrees. With the computer, Professor Epstein generates fascinating mosaics of his triangles.

The research is supported by the Science and Engineering Research Council.

However, as a member of the Geometry Super-computer Project, Professor Epstein will have a new work station for generating colour graphics that is linked to a bank of super-computers at the project headquarters at the University of Minnesota, in the United States. More than £1 million will be spent over three years by the American National Science Foundation on the use of the machines by the 13 scientists.

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EEC imposes curbs on BA take-over to help rival airlines

By Harvey Elliott and Richard Owen

The European Economic Commission yesterday warring a series of concessions from British Airways over its proposed take-over of British Caledonian and convinced Britain's independent airlines that they had found an ally in Brussels.

Mr Peter Sutherland, Competition Commissioner, announced that the take-over could go ahead provided British Airways gave up thousands of arrival and departure slots at Gatwick, withdrew its objections to route applications from independent airlines, and reported every six months on how it was implementing the EEC ruling.

The agreement was hailed as a victory by British Midland and Air Europe who hope to pick up many routes flown by British Caledonian.

Mr Harry Goodman, Air Europe chairman, said: "It is a kick in the teeth for BA. It is a victory for competition and a defeat for arrogance. We are delighted because it means we will now be able to bid for routes which British Airways assumed it could fly from Gatwick."

Mr Michael Bishop, chair-

man of Airlines of Britain, parent company of British Midland, also welcomed the EEC ruling.

"British Airways must now be accountable to someone following the inability of the British Government and UK regulatory authorities to enforce any meaningful restraint on the potential dominance of the merged airline", he said.

The EEC investigated the proposed take-over after complaints from Mr Bishop. At first BA dismissed the inquiry as unimportant but a series of meetings were held between Mr Sutherland and Sir Colin Marshall, BA chief executive.

The commission announced that the meetings had "secured a number of important undertakings from British Airways".

These included:

- A promise that BA would not appeal against any decisions made by the Civil Aviation Authority on re-allocating B-Cal domestic route licences or licences to Paris, Brussels and Nice.
- An agreement to limit the number of slots used by the joint airline from Gatwick to 25 per cent of the total.

● The withdrawal of plans to fly from Gatwick to Athens, Copenhagen, Hamburg and Stuttgart.

● The abandonment of attempts to stop Air Europe flying to Rome and the dropping of BA's own plan to fly there from Gatwick.

● Allowing the CAA to give priority to another airline to fly to Milan.

● No objection to any airline wanting to fly alongside BA on any European route.

● An agreement not to transfer services from Gatwick to Heathrow in a way that would be detrimental to competition and to balance any of these transfers by moving other flights back to Gatwick.

The most important curb on BA at Gatwick could come from the agreement that it will not have more than 25 per cent of the available slots.

This summer the huge airline will have 32.2 per cent of total slots and the new ceiling would mean 10,500 fewer take-offs and landings by the summer of next year.

The commission said: "The undertakings now given by BA should create stronger opportunities for new competitors to emerge."

Three-wheel advance on Japan



Mr Tony Divey (above left) and two employees putting the final touches to his latest Triking three-wheel car, the first to be bought by a Japanese, before testing another model yesterday. Production of the £9,000 Triking runs to less than nine a year from a garage next to Mr Divey's home at Martingford, Norfolk. Mr Divey, aged 57, a technical illustrator, designed the car in 1979. It accelerates to 60mph in seven seconds and has a top speed of 100mph. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Houses in Surrey 75% above UK norm

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Surrey is the most expensive county in which to buy a home, with prices 75 per cent above the British average.

Nationwide Anglia Building Society reports in its latest survey that a home in Surrey costs an average of £84,493. The mean price in the South-east is £64,657, while for the country it is £48,031.

Because of the region's house prices, buyers take out mortgages on average 23 per cent higher than elsewhere and also have to find larger deposits.

In Surrey, only 21 per cent of Nationwide Anglia borrowers are first-time buyers, compared with 30 per cent throughout the South-east and 39 per cent in the UK.

Mr Brian Whitfield, Nationwide Anglia's general manager, said the survey confirmed that it was harder than ever for first-time buyers in the South-east to find affordable property.

"First-time buyers in the South-east borrow more than 80 per cent of the price of their homes, but still have to put down an average deposit of nearly £8,000."

Local Area Housing Statistics, No 2, South-east England (Nationwide Anglia Building Society branches; free).

Record price for damaged painting

John Martin's "The Assuaging of the Waters" sold for nearly £200,000 above its estimate at Sotheby's yesterday, achieving a record for the artist at £495,000.

This was in spite of the fact that the painting sustained a four-inch tear while being handled by porters.

The painting vividly depicts the moment when the great biblical flood subsides, leaving glistening rocks and a still-turbulent sea and was bought by the American dealer, Richard Feige.

The price leaves standing the previous record for John Martin, £198,000 for "The Flight into Egypt" at Christie's in 1985, and is partly accounted for by its rarity, and its perfect provenance.

Commissioned by Queen Victoria's Mistress of the Robes, the Duchess of Sutherland, its subject was suggested by Prince Albert. It was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1840 and consigned for sale by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The heritage lobby complained yesterday after the sale of a portrait of Edward VI as a boy, wearing a dashing feathered hat, by a follower of Hans Holbein. It went for £90,000 against an estimate of £40,000 to £60,000 to a London dealer, Browne and Darby.

It had been consigned, along with two other works, by Christ's Hospital (a private school in Horsham, Surrey, founded by Edward VI) to raise funds to build a treasury.

Critics claimed benefactors had been "betrayed" and they also complained that no mention of the painting's immediate history was mentioned in the catalogue.

Mr Nicholas Plumley, the school's curator, said yesterday that the Edward paint-

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

ing duplicated others in the school's collection, but so far his researches had not discovered who originally presented it and whether there were any stipulations about selling it.

The parish of All Saints Church, Brough, Humberside, became £35,200 richer yesterday by selling an Elizabethan silver-gilt cup, chased with strapwork and fruits, for £35,200 (estimate up to £25,000) at Christie's English and continental silver sale.

Jacques Koopman paid £27,500 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for a pair of Charles II silver-gilt octagonal caskets originally from Burghley House. In the Objects of Vertu section, top price was for a miniature sixteenth century oval enamel case. It sold to the London dealer, Simon Bull, for £26,400, £11,000 above estimate.

The sale totalled £560,000, and practically everything sold.

Phillips achieved a record for an item of stoneware at their European ceramics and glass sale yesterday, although their price, £36,300, was below estimate.

It was a small red teapot, five inches high, by Johann Friedrich Botter, an eighteenth century German alchemist who turned to pottery after failing to make gold. He made the teapot when trying to discover the key to the porcelain used in the Orient, and it sold to a Japanese buyer.

Another high price was achieved by a medallion made from clay found in Sydney Cove, near Botany Bay, Australia, in the late 1780s.

Discovered by the captain in charge of the first group of convicts, the clay was sent back to Sir Joseph Banks, who asked his friend, Josiah Wedgwood, to make a set of medallions. It sold for £12,000 above estimate at £16,500.

Another runaway price was for a Spanish tapering cylindrical jug which sold for £22,000 against an estimate of up to £5,000, to a Spanish private buyer.



A Botter teapot which fetched £36,300.

Council upholds Times complaint

In a serious article about the sale of worthless qualifications, *The Times* reported that the Council of Europe listed more than 150 "institutions of doubtful standing" and said one of the most prominent called itself Somerset University, the Press Council said today.

The council upheld a "narrow" complaint by Mr Raymond Young, the institution's administrative director, that the article inaccurately said a complaint against it had been upheld by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

Headlined "Action planned on universities selling worthless degrees", the article, by John Clare, Education Correspondent, reported that the Government was planning to make it an offence for unrecognised colleges and universities to award degrees and diplomas.

It said that Somerset University, run by its founder, Mr Young, had no lecturers,

libraries or laboratories, but offered arts and science degrees to students who completed a number of "written compositions". An ordinary BA or BSc cost £1,295, an honours degree £1,695. The recommended duration of a "course of study" was one year.

Somerset University complained that the article inaccurately said a complaint against it had been upheld by the OFT. The council said the newspaper had neither sought to defend its statement nor corrected it. The newspaper offered to publish a follow-up story giving the complainants an opportunity to rebut the whole article or specific points in it but the complainants rejected that offer.

The Press Council adjudication stated:

The article's reference to the OFT has not been sustained and, accordingly, the narrow complaint against *The Times* is upheld.

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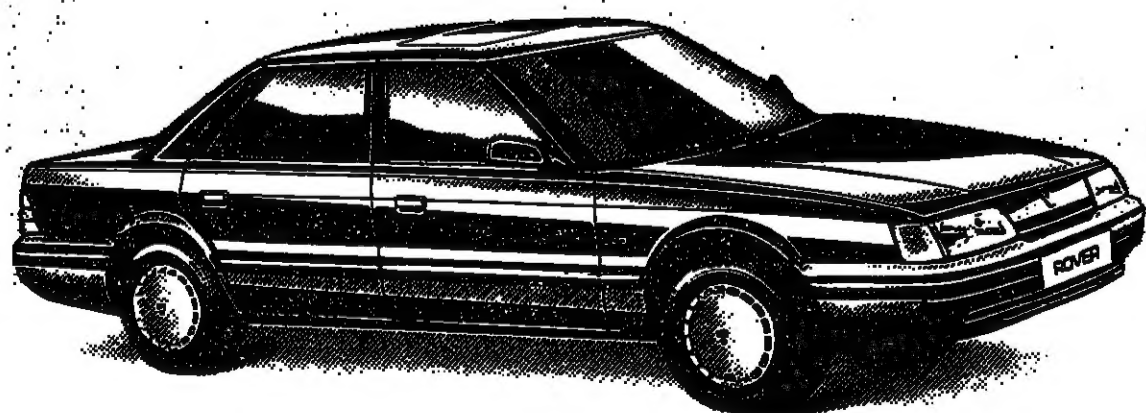
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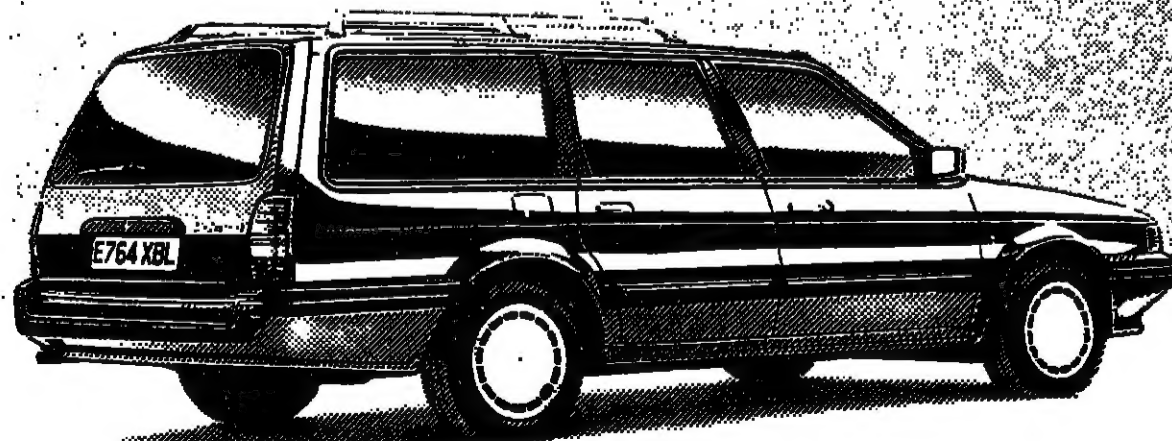
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ITV groups may face £750m loss in shake-up

By Andrew Billen

The best known names in television production could be making big losses by the year 2000 if ITV does not face up to increased competition from satellite television, according to an independent report published yesterday.

It says that even without a shake-up from government, ITV could be losing £550 million a year by the end of the next decade if it does not reduce its costs or increase its advertising revenue.

The report by National Economic Research Associates (Nera), an independent group of economists, says that the losses could be much greater — perhaps up to £750 million — if the Chancellor imposes a levy on advertising revenue rather than ITV profits. Channel 4 is being off from ITV and an advertising-funded fifth channel is started.

The ITV companies seized on the report, which they had commissioned, as backing for their argument that the Government should not impose a radical programme of change in its forthcoming White Paper on broadcasting.

They argue that more catalysts to change, for the sake of increasing viewers' choice and ending restrictive union practices are unnecessary given the competition already on its way.

About twenty new channels are either here or being planned, including up to 11 English channels from the Astra satellite, due to be launched this year, three British Satellite Broadcasting services from 1989 and the 15 extra channels available on cable.

Mr David McCall, chairman of the ITV Council, has written to the Home Secretary for an urgent meeting to discuss the report's findings in the light of speculation that the Government intends selling off ITV franchises to the highest bidder.

He said: "We at ITV are concerned that we will have too much change too quickly. The danger is to the range, quality and diversity of the

present system and to the regional system of ITV.

"The existence of four networks, BBC 1 and 2, ITV and Channel 4 should remain at the core of broadcasting for at least the next decade. The newsmen should aspire to our standards."

The 200-page report says that in the face of the new competition ITV and Channel 4's audience share will fall from 50 per cent in 1990 to somewhere between 43 and 35 per cent in the year 2000. Advertising revenue, at present growing, will begin to decline.

The report says that there are strong economic efficiency arguments in the changes being considered by the Government, which include auctioning franchises, having off Channel 4, offering a franchise for late night television and setting up fifth, sixth or more terrestrial channels possibly based in the big cities.

However, their force will diminish in view of the increased competitive climate already coming.

On franchise allocation, the report says that financial bidding would work only if the Government was willing to abandon all but minimum programme requirements from ITV companies in return for increased efficiency.

If the Government wishes to encourage quality programme-making, on the other hand, the current merit-based franchise award system should be retained with modifications.

The report concludes that ITV must decide whether it wishes to remain a public service broadcaster or to become more commercially oriented. If ITV wants the former option (which it does) it must seek policies which recognize the cost of public service television.

"If, on the other hand, it wants to become a purely commercial broadcaster, then it should seek policies which allow it to compete on equal terms with its rivals."

Teacher faces 'gross injustice' on home

By Andrew Morgan

A music teacher whose home is threatened by an extension to the North Circular Road in London yesterday refused the offer of a meeting with the Department of Transport.

Miss Evelyn Gunner, who is 78 this week, yesterday received a letter from the department suggesting a meeting at her Victorian home in Hale End Road, Walthamstow, which it wishes to demolish.

Mrs Gunner has found an ally in Lady Mande, a one-time opponent of many motorways and the mother of Mr Francis Mande, minister for corporate affairs at the Department of Trade.

Lady Mande, wife of Lord Mande of Stratford-upon-Avon, the former MP and writer, spoke yesterday of the "gross injustice" being meted out to people such as Miss Gunner.

She is the only remaining owner-occupier in Hale End Road. Several houses are boarded up and her neighbours are squatters.

Miss Gunner says she will decline the DoT's offer of a visit until she receives some official word on a "proper price" for her three-bedroom home, with its 246ft garden. It would fetch more than £150,000 if a six-lane highway were not planned near by.

The local district valuer estimated compensation at £75,000.

The £38 million scheme to improve the A406 is due to start in early summer and the



Miss Evelyn Gunner, who is fighting for compensation for the loss of her home (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

department said Miss Gunner would have to move by then.

She wrote to her MP, Mr Norman Tebbit, but claims he has not been able to help.

Lady Mande says that district valuers are obliged under outdated legislation to offer three times the rateable value

in compensation for disturbance, in addition to the market price of the property.

"Rateable values were fixed years ago and property prices have shot up, making compensation inadequate. The victims of such road schemes are often those less able to defend

themselves", she added.

Miss Gunner was born in the house which her parents bought in 1925 for £750.

Miss Gunner, who still teaches 20 piano students, said she felt a moral responsibility to guard the house because her parents had struggled to buy it

while paying five guineas a week in sanatorium fees for her sick brother.

"I feel a sense of stewardship for this house which is unique. If I am obliged to move, then I would want at least twice the £75,000 estimate."

Thatcher's plea for an end to jargon

By David Walker
Public Administration
Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday urged Civil Servants to write simply and concisely and said she would not rest until jargon was "banished forever".

"If we all wrote in plain English how much easier — and efficient — life would be", Mrs Margaret Thatcher wrote in a signed introduction to a booklet, *Making it Plain*, to be circulated to all Civil Servants.

Mrs Thatcher derided those who thought complicated writing a sign of intellectual strength. "Some of our greatest communicators were and are passionate believers in the simplicity of the written word. As Winston Churchill described a particularly tortured piece of officialdom: 'This is the sort of English up with which I will not put'."

Civil Servants needed the right attitude, the booklet says. "The official who wrote 'In consequence of the non-payment of the above-noted account...' had the wrong attitude. He wasn't treating his reader as a human being."

The booklet recommends shorter sentences, active verbs, and a simple style.

Making it plain — a plea for plain English in the Civil Service (Cabinet Office, Office of the Minister for the Civil Service).

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European unification programme unveiled

Kohl and Thatcher on crash course over VAT

From Richard Owen
Strasbourg

With the success of the watershed Brussels summit on EEC finances behind him, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany yesterday laid down an urgent and wide-ranging programme for European unification. This would include not only monetary union and a common security policy but also the controversial harmonization of value-added tax throughout the EEC.

In a move which is certain to antagonize Mrs Thatcher, Herr Kohl, in an important speech to the European Parliament, put the VAT issue firmly at the top of the agenda for the next three months, before

Bonn hands over the EEC presidency to Greece. Mrs Thatcher opposes the ending of VAT zero-rating in Britain of foodstuffs, children's clothing and fuel. British officials had hoped the VAT question would be quietly shelved.

Herr Kohl, who chaired the EEC summit in February and is the current President of the EEC's Council of Ministers, urged Europe to keep up the momentum towards integration now that the farm and budget problems had been settled.

To repeated applause from Euro-MPs, Herr Kohl said the goal of political union in Europe would become "irreversible" if the EEC built on the summit success by moving towards economic and

monetary union and a common security policy. "We all need a strong Europe," Herr Kohl declared. "Let's get on with the job."

The EEC had to prove itself to voters in the direct elections to the European Parliament next year, he said.

Until the EEC summit, Herr Kohl was criticized for failing to halt the worrying West German drift towards disillusionment with the EEC for its alleged failure to meet German concerns. West Germans also felt that NATO did not appreciate West German defence and geo-political sensitivities.

But officials said Herr Kohl was determined to consolidate the compromises achieved both at the

EEC summit and at the Nato summit a week ago, and to assert Bonn's leadership in Europe.

With his ruling Christian Democrats facing a crucial regional election in Baden-Württemberg just over a week, Herr Kohl yesterday sought to pacify rural voters by saying that although the EEC farm reform deal required sacrifices from farmers, the EEC had sought to avoid placing "unacceptable burdens on them". It had guaranteed family farms income and early retirement schemes. Under the new system of resources, partly based on gross national product, all states would pay more to Brussels. "The Europe we want cannot be had for nothing", Herr Kohl told MEPs.

The Chancellor emphasized the need to reduce the "affluence gap" between North and South in the EEC. Under the Brussels agreement, regional aid to the poorest regions would double by 1992.

The VAT proposals put forward by Lord Cockfield, the Internal Market Commissioner, envisage VAT rates in two broad bands to avoid trade distortions once the European market is unified in 1992.

The proposals require a unanimous vote by the 12 governments in the Council of Ministers to become law, and Mrs Thatcher has vowed to veto any attempt to end British zero rating.

Mr Richard Cottrell, Conser-

vative Euro-MP for Bristol, said Mrs Thatcher had been "sold down the Rhine" by Herr Kohl on the VAT issue.

The Chancellor said Bonn wanted "decisive progress" on the single market by the next EEC summit in Hanover in June. He identified West Germany's priorities as:

- The liberalization of capital movements across frontiers;
- The harmonization of insurance;
- The approximation of technical standards and university degrees;
- The opening up of public contracts, with emphasis on telecommunications and transport;
- The harmonization of patents and trade marks;
- Co-operation in technology.

17 soldiers killed in helicopter collision

Fort Campbell, Kentucky (AP) — Two military helicopters collided during a night flight, killing 17 people. Major Randy Schobel said the crash happened during a "routine night mission" near the Fort Campbell army base, and everyone on the helicopters had been killed. He thought 17 people were on board the two craft.

Leader jailed

Dakar (AFP) — Senegal's opposition leader, Mr Aboulaye Wade, and 12 other opposition members have been charged with incitement to violence and jailed.

Spies expelled

Copenhagen (AP) — Two Czechoslovak spies were deported for photographing Nato warships. A soldier has also been arrested for allegedly contacting Russian agents.

Quick release

Cape Town (AP) — A gardener was jailed for 15 minutes, with five years suspended, for claiming there was a bomb in President Botha's office.

Nobel miss

Oslo (Reuters) — The Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey were ruled ineligible for the Nobel Peace Prize because their nomination was too late.

Orbiting link

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union will launch a second research module later this year to link with its manned Mir space station.

Train attack

Maputo (AP) — Guerrillas derailed a train in Mozambique and killed 11 people.

Palestinian unity assures success of general strike

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

After three months of unrest in the occupied territories, the broad unity of the Palestinians was shown yesterday by a solid general strike and demonstrations in which two more people were shot and killed by troops.

The disunity of the Israeli coalition Government was underlined at the same time, as the 10 members of the inner Cabinet failed to take a vote on new American peace proposals, leaving Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, to press for changes in them when he visits Washington next week.

If he fails to win the concessions he wants, he promises to start planning for an early general election on his return to Israel.

Negotiations on a date will be difficult, with Mr Shimon Peres wanting the poll no later than the end of May, and Mr

Shamir seeking it in high summer, when Labour supporters traditionally take their holidays out of the country.

Meanwhile, the Army has been using an anti-riot gun which fires stones. Criticized for beating too often and shooting too much, the Army has developed the gun, mounted on an armoured personnel carrier, to fire small chips of gravel at high velocity and with great accuracy at demonstrators.

It was used effectively several times yesterday, particularly to disperse a violent demonstration at Kalkiya. So far, the Army is refusing to give technical details about the weapon.

Yesterday's disturbances were in line with instructions in a leaflet distributed through the occupied territories in the name of the "National United

Leadership of the Uprising".

This called for the strike and demonstrations to mark "Martyr's Day in memory of the 85 Palestinians who have been shot dead over the past three months".

The two people who died yesterday were named as Mohammad Fares, aged 22, and Jamil Hijazi, aged 19.

● STRASBOURG: The European Parliament yesterday refused by a large majority to approve a new trade agreement with Israel, a move clearly linked by Euro-MPs to Israeli actions in the occupied territories (Richard Owen writes).

The effect is to freeze £45 million worth of "soft" EEC loans to Israel from the European Investment Bank, and to reject proposed new tariffs favourable to Israeli exports of cut flowers and other products to Britain and Europe.



Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, meeting Bedouin leaders in the Negev before his crucial visit to the US.

Trouble in Tibet

Buddhist leader warns rioters

From A Correspondent, Peking

China's highest ranking Buddhist leader yesterday warned of harsh punishments for Tibetans who staged a violent pro-independence demonstration last week in which at least three people died and dozens of monks were arrested.

The call for calm by the Panchen Lama, the most revered Tibetan Buddhist after the Dalai Lama, was clearly intended to deter the volatile Tibetans from engaging in another suicidal outburst of anti-Chinese feeling today, the anniversary of a bloody 1959 rebellion against Peking.

"As a Tibetan and a devoted Buddhist, I am shocked by the riot and indignation at it," the 50-year-old Panchen Lama, who lives in Peking but is allowed to return to Tibet for brief visits, said in his first comments on Saturday's anti-Chinese riot in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, when angry monks were reportedly shot by police.

"Separatists" must be severely punished, he said.

As the only Peking leader who can still command respect among the deeply religious Tibetans, the Panchen Lama's warning may be heeded, allowing today's anniversary to pass unmarked — or so the Communist Party must hope.

Although he is regarded by many Tibetans as a "two-headed one" (a turncoat), Buddhist faith still holds firm and even leading Tibetan officials bow in reverence to him. Respect for him is that much deeper among the monks.

Claiming that the protesters "failed to understand" Peking's policy in Tibet, the Panchen Lama said they regarded the central Government's "leniency and forbearance as a sign of weakness, assuming that the more violently they riot, the more we shall give in".

That seems to suggest that the Communist Party has decided that only a stiff crackdown will curb the militancy of the monks. Just in case the locals fail to take the hint, police have sealed off the Jokhang Temple, Tibet's holiest shrine and the site of three violent protests against Peking's rule since last September.

The anniversary is a stark reminder to the fiercely proud Tibetans of the flight of the Dalai Lama to India on March 10, 1959. On that day, he had arranged to attend a play at his sprawling summer residence on the outskirts of Lhasa. Rumours of a plot by the Chinese military to kidnap him during the play prompted his flight with hundreds of followers across the Himalayas.

The Tibetans rebelled. Chinese officials say at least 87,000 were killed as the revolt was suppressed. Tibetans insist the figure was much higher and the Dalai Lama claims that at least 1.2 million of his people have died since the Chinese occupation began.

● Armed patrols: A Western witness in Lhasa said yesterday that "thousands" of heavily armed police were patrolling the centre of Lhasa (Reuters reports).

A convoy of 120 trucks, each carrying at least 20 men armed with submachine-guns, toured the city in a massive show of force, he said.

Speaking by telephone from Lhasa, the witness said he had heard persistent reports from what he called "reliable Tibetan sources" that as many as 16 monks had been killed when the security forces stormed the Jokhang Temple on Saturday to quell anti-Chinese protests.

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Four go in Nepal Cabinet shake-up

Kathmandu (AFP) — King Birendra of Nepal replaced four Cabinet ministers yesterday in a reshuffle of the 20-month-old Government of the Prime Minister, Mr Man Singh Shrestha, state-run radio announced.

A palace communiqué said that the changes had been made on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, who retained the portfolios of defence and royal palace affairs.

The four outgoing ministers are Mr Hem Bahadur Malla (forestry), Mr Gunjeshwar Prasad Singh (health), Mr Bijaya Prakash Thebe (commerce), and Mr Hari Narayan Rajauriya (agriculture). Mr Malla had come under fire for alleged corruption, including improper distribution of permits to cut trees for export.

The reshuffle came amid challenges faced in implementing the King's basic needs programme, which aims to provide shelter, clothing, health services, education and

social security for all the 24.6 million Nepalese by the turn of the century. The full list of the new Government is: Prime Minister, Defence and Royal Palace Affairs, Man Singh Shrestha, Foreign Affairs, Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Local Supply, Dil Bahadur Shrestha, Communist Planning, Prakash Chandra Lohani, Health, Shushila Thapa, Education, Keshar Bahadur Bista, Finance, Bharat Bahadur Pradhan, Tourism, Mohammad Mohashin. Ministers of state: Agriculture, Krishna Charan Singh, Public Works and Transport, Dipak Bohara, Law and Justice, Badri Prasad Mandal, Forests, Gagan Bahadur Singh, General Administration, Buddhist Man Tamang, Home Affairs, Niranjan Thapa.

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Thatcher to tackle Portugal over farm compensation

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese Prime Minister, will be challenged by Mrs Thatcher during his visit to London, which starts today, on providing compensation for British farmers who had land seized in his country's 1974 revolution.

Nearly 20,000 acres were expropriated or nationalized in the Alentejo region after being occupied by Communist-led farm workers. Most of the land has been handed back to its British owners by the Lisbon Government which came to power after the Communist and radical left-wingers were ousted at the end of 1975.

But the farmers were never compensated for the loss of cattle, crops, farm buildings and machinery in the past 13 years. The Britons are claiming compensation under the Trade and Navigation Act, 1916, signed between Britain and Portugal, ratified many times, and finally recognized in the 1975 Portuguese Constitution which guarantees "just and prompt payment before expropriation of property".

The British Embassy in Lisbon says that there are four claims outstanding, amounting to around £1 million.

Senhor Miguel Cadilhe, the Portuguese Minister of Finance, said this week in Brussels that steps had been taken to speed up the compensation process, and an arbitration board would be set up to determine the extent of the losses. The Foreign Ministry in Lisbon said that the situation was "nearing a solution".

But the Britons involved are not so optimistic. "We will believe it when we see it," said Mr Roderick Reynolds, who— with members of his family and other land owners— had more than 11,000 acres expropriated and turned into collective farms. He explained:



Senhor Cavaco Silva: Facing cash challenge in London.

"Most of the land was returned in 1986. But it was in total disrepair. On one of our farms, 600 head of prize sheep disappeared, along with all of the farm equipment."

"On another, workers cut down 2,500 cork trees and sold them as firewood. On another, they sold off fine reserve wines from our vineyards as cheap, ordinary wine. We got back all of our tractors as rubbish heaps. The farm houses were not maintained and have gone to wrack and ruin. We have lost 13 years of crops in corks and olive oil. We calculate that we have lost between £3 million and £4 million."

Mr Pat Wardle, another British farmer, had a 1,200-acre farm taken from him and turned into a co-operative for six years. Since he received the land back, he has been working it with money borrowed from the banks at interest rates of between 20 per cent and 30 per cent. He said: "We are claiming for lost stocks, cattle, wrecked machinery and lost crops plus interest."

Both men intend to use money they may receive to equip their property. Mr Reynolds said: "We only want to be compensated."



Protesters against General Noriega's rule in Panama adding fuel to a burning barricade in Panama City's banking district.

US military exercise angers Panama

Panama City (NYT) — The Government of General Manuel Noriega claims that American military manoeuvres now being conducted in the country violate the Panama Canal treaties and are "a prelude to a military invasion."

Senor Jorge Abadía, the Minister for External Relations, told a press conference that the United States "unilaterally" informed Panama this month that it would be using military installations and airspace in Panama. In doing so, he said, the US had ignored joint consultation processes required by the Panama Canal treaties of 1977.

"This is the most naked aggression of all," Senor Abadía said. "We want the

world to know we have not agreed to these manoeuvres."

A Panamanian military official, Major Daniel Delgado, said that only military exercises specifically required for the defence of the canal were permitted under the treaties. He said the current manoeuvres were proof that an invasion by American forces was "imminent in the next few days."

Officials at the US Southern Command, which has 10,000 men under its supervision in the former Canal Zone, said a week-long series of annual dry-season military exercises began last Friday. Panamanian troops were not

involved but the authorities had been informed. A spokesman said that a second set of authorized military exercises, involving the Florida and Puerto Rico National Guards, were scheduled to begin this Saturday and continue into April.

At his press conference, Senor Abadía called on Latin American and other countries to support the position of the Government. Only a handful of countries, including Cuba, Nicaragua and Libya, recognize the Noriega regime as Panama's lawful government. The US and most other countries continue to recognize President Delvalle, who was deposed late last month.

Rebel ends left-wing control in Manitoba

From John Best
Ottawa

The left-wing New Democratic Party's Government in Manitoba has been brought down by a no-confidence vote on the province's budget.

Mr Howard Pawley's party was defeated 28 to 27 when one of its own back-benchers, Mr James Wadling, unexpectedly voted in favour of the Conservative motion.

Mr Wadling was known to have been unhappy at being excluded from the Cabinet, but he said on Monday that he would support the Government in the budget vote.

But after changing sides on Tuesday night, Mr Wadling said he had become tired of carrying the responsibility for the Government's survival. He said: "It's time that the decision regarding whether the Government has a mandate is decided by Manitobans, not by me."

The defeat of Mr Pawley was good news for Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, in his battle for support for his highly contentious free trade agreement with the United States.

Manitoba is one of only three provinces that have opposed the trade deal. Mr Pawley's defeat should make it easier for Mr Mulroney to isolate the opposition.

Unrest in Somalia

Barre keeps the north in check

From Andrew Buckake, Hargeysa

General Morgan, the army commander for northern Somalia and President Barre's effective deputy dictator in the region, keeps a pet cheetah and a couple of eagles at his luxurious villa in Hargeysa.

The President keeps lions, albeit with their claws and canine teeth removed, at his villa in Mogadishu, so the general's choice of pets is nicely judged, for his chief, although believed to be aged about 70, is far from toothless — his tight control of Somali politics and society is enforced by the police, the army and a security service trained by the KGB. Here, in this former British colony, he needs all three, as well as a flamboyant but capable and ruthless deputy like General Morgan, to contain the discontent of a northern people who feel they have been ignored politically and economically since independence in 1960, when the British colony was combined with the Italian colony to the south.

Mogadishu and the south have received the biggest share of the development budget, especially since President Barre took power in the 1969 military coup and instituted a one-party socialist system.

Somali Nationalist Movement rebels are the expression of the disaffection of the northern clans, and the army's ruthless efforts to put them down have made Hargeysa seem like a subject city.

When I arrived a day before the Princess Royal's visit last week on behalf of the Save the Children Fund, of which she is President, I was effectively confined to my run-down hotel, once the British Club but now without even running water.

After much urging on my part, I was driven rapidly through dusty, dry and ill-kept streets, but not allowed to stop to talk to anyone. In the evening it apparently required the General's permission for me to have supper at the house of a United Nations Children's Fund official.

Activity by the nationalist rebels appears to have declined recently, but there are still unconfirmed reports of land-mine attacks and other incidents and no chances were taken for the Princess Royal's trip. Her convoy was accompanied by Jeeps, mounted with heavy machine-guns, and a reconnaissance aircraft scouted the route from Hargeysa to Boorama, a small town isolated among barren mountains two miles from the Ethiopian border.

The Princess had little cause

for concern, however. The rebels are mainly active at night, and although the Ethiopians bombed Boorama, killing 40 people, in 1984, the last big border incident was more than a year ago.

The border tension, and Ethiopian support for the rebels, stems from the Ogaden War in 1977-8 in which a Somali invasion was repulsed by Soviet and Cuban support. Somalia continues to claim territory in the Ogaden, occupied by ethnic Somalis, and supports the Western Somali Liberation Front guerrillas still operating there.

The other legacy of the Ogaden War is the refugees. The Government claims there are 850,000 in Somalia, nearly one in five of the 5.8 million population. Relief agencies privately estimate the number may be only half that, as many of those claimed by the Government are ethnic Somali nomads who might live in Somalia anyway.

The dispute between the agencies and the Government,



has been acrimonious, but big money is involved. The annual budget for the 42 camps is more than £16 million, which compares with about £55 million a year in export earnings.

Conditions in many camps are better than in the villages outside.

The camp the Princess Royal visited on the way back from Boorama is unusual, however, in that most of the 33,000 people there are not ethnic Somalis. Daawale, on a dry scrubby plain surrounded by distant hills, houses Oromos fleeing insecurity, drought and the Ethiopian "villagization" policy. Most were moved to Daawale a year ago from Tug Wajale, where unsanitary conditions and overcrowding had led to dangerous epidemics.

Daawale is no holiday camp, however. All the water has to be brought in by road tankers and officials of the UN High Commission for Refugees say rations have occasionally to be reduced because of difficulties in bringing in enough food.

Militant Sikh takes over at Golden Temple

Delhi (AFP) — The Sikh militant candidate was enthroned yesterday as the new head priest at Amritsar's Golden Temple, the Press Trust of India reports.

Jasbir Singh Rode — a nephew of the late Sikh fundamentalist leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who sowed the seeds of the separatist movement and died in an army assault on the temple in June, 1984 — was released from jail on Friday where he was held on charges of sedition.

Observers attributed his

success to his direct relationship to Bhindranwale.

Jasbir Singh succeeds Darshan Singh, who resigned last year after airing differences with militants waging a bloody campaign in Punjab for a separate Sikh homeland.

Darshan Singh opposed the separatist campaign and favoured greater autonomy for Sikhs within India. The militants branded him a traitor to the Sikh cause.

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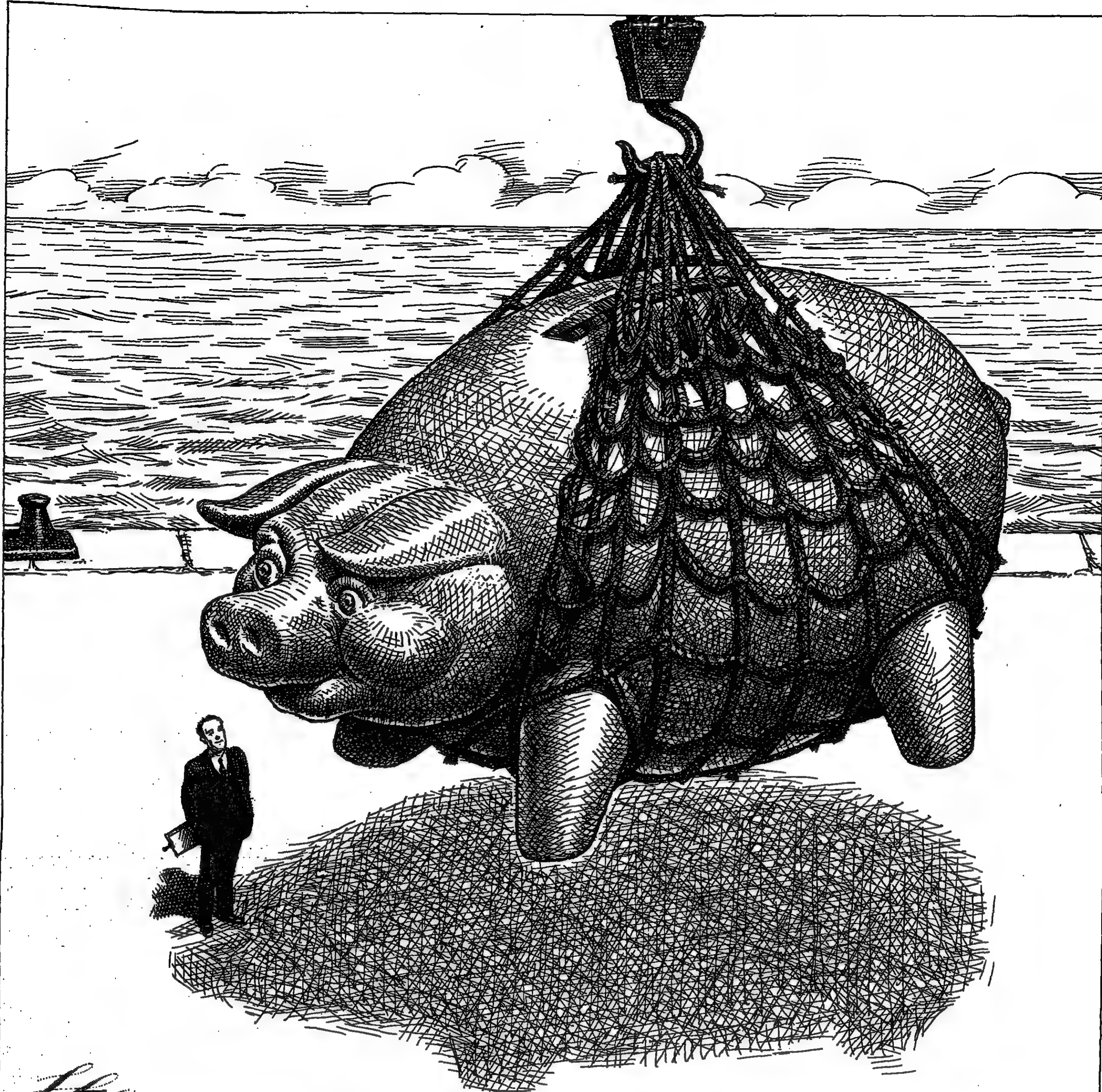
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Heading for final term

Suharto keeps Indonesia guessing about successor

From Gavin Bell, Jakarta

President Suharto of Indonesia will be elected for probably his final five-year term today amid a rare debate over the country's political future after he has gone.

The extension of President Suharto's military-backed rule by a plenary session of Parliament is a foregone conclusion since he is running unopposed and is supported by all political factions.

In a remarkable break with Indonesia's tradition of government by consensus, however, his vice-presidential nominee is being challenged for the first time by a candidate from outside the ruling Golkar party.

Dr Jailani Naro, chairman of the United Development Party (PPP), is well aware that he has no hope of defeating Mr Sudharmono, the State Secretary and Golkar chairman.

"I don't consider him a rival," Dr Naro said recently. "This is a friendly game."

It is, of course, rather more than that. While the issue will be resolved amicably in Mr Sudharmono's favour, the challenge is symbolic of cautious demands for political reforms in the sprawling archipelago President Suharto has

ruled with a firm hand for more than two decades.

The Indonesian Democratic Party (a coalition of nationalists and Christians) and the Muslim-backed PPP disturbed the normally placid proceedings of the five-yearly plenary session by submitting controversial proposals on state policy guidelines. The PPP then forced Parliament to indulge in the unseemly practice of voting on them.

"Voting is a last resort and we lost," a PPP official said later, "but we've shown that democracy is still alive here."

The dissenting parties had called for the lifting of a ban on political parties organizing in rural areas where about 80 per cent of the country's 172 million people live.

It would be wrong to suggest the vague stirrings of discontent in Jakarta reflect any widespread desire for change. The vast majority of Indonesians appear to be content with village life under President Suharto, who has governed through an era of stability and steady economic development in sharp contrast with that of his predecessor.

In any case, room for manoeuvre by the minor par-



President Suharto: A past master of political control, his limited since both were created by the Government and their leadership is subject to approval. This unusual arrangement is part of the state ideology known as *Pancasila*, or the "five principles", which include national unity and democracy by consensus.

With the 66-year-old President embarking on what is assumed to be his final term, speculation is mounting over whom he will choose to succeed him.

As Vice-President, Mr Sudharmono will play an important role in managing the succession, but he is regarded as an unlikely contender for the top job. At the age of 60 he

is not universally popular among high-ranking military officers.

Attention is being drawn to the meteoric rise (under presidential patronage) of General Try Sutrisno, who was appointed commander of the armed forces last month.

General Sutrisno, aged 52, is a leading member of a younger generation of officers. Said to be a quiet, personable man and a devout Muslim, he was a close personal aide to President Suharto in the 1970s.

Another possible candidate is General Benny Murdani, the former armed forces commander. General Murdani, aged 55, is expected to be given an influential post in an important Cabinet reshuffle later this month.

The PPP hopes that by setting the precedent of two vice-presidential candidates, it may encourage people to consider more than one nominee for the presidency when the time comes.

However President Suharto is a past master of political control who has been compared with the *dalang* (puppet-master) of Javanese shadow-puppet theatre. It is unlikely he will leave the stage to anyone other than his chosen successor.

Quake follows New Zealand cyclone



A scene of devastation yesterday near Hamilton in central North Island, New Zealand, which was hit by an earthquake measuring five on the Richter scale on top of widespread flooding caused by the tropical cyclone Bola. The earthquake shook the landscape but caused no damage to property (AFP reports from Wellington). Nine people are feared dead in the four-day storm and, from Northland to Hawkes Bay, thousands of people from small commu-

nities have been forced to evacuate their homes ahead of rising floodwaters. As the cyclone abated yesterday, relief teams began assessing the clean-up job. Thousands of acres of arable land have been devastated by floodwater, and roads, bridges, water supply and communications systems have been either wrecked or severely damaged by the gales and flooding unleashed by Bola. In some areas the floods are being described as the worst of the century.

Korea opposition crisis

Call to go ignored by Kim Dae Jung

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

Mr Kim Dae Jung, South Korea's best-known opposition leader, refused yesterday to relinquish the presidency of his party, despite a growing chorus of calls for him to resign.

His defiance removes almost all hope of an opposition reunification in time for April's National Assembly elections, a move seen as critical to avoid a sweep by the ruling party.

"It is morally wrong and politically nonsensical to demand my retirement," Mr Kim Dae Jung said after meeting leaders of his Party for Peace and Democracy.

He has been badgered to step down since his defeat in December's presidential elections, which came after a split with his opposition rival, Mr Kim Young Sam. With the two Kims in a race, the ruling Democratic Justice Party candidate Mr Roh Tae Woo won the presidency with just 37 per cent of the vote. Mr Roh, a former general, was inaugurated on February 25.

As a sign of contrition for his loss, Mr Kim Young Sam resigned as President of his Reunification Democratic Party in February, although he still exercises control over most party decisions. There has been a growing demand for Mr Kim Dae Jung's resignation ever since. "Many people think Kim Dae Jung has become some kind of a jerk by holding on to his national power," said Mr Choi Woon Sang, an adviser to the peace party leader. "For his own sake, he should leave the scene at least for now and then he can be called back."

Mr Kim Dae Jung retains the loyalty of many Koreans, especially those from his native Cholla province, a bastion of anti-government resistance. A crowd of supporters jammed his party headquarters chanting for him to stay in power. Two men bit their fingers and used their blood to scrawl a message against his retirement.

But criticism of Mr Kim Dae Jung within the opposition has grown, focusing on his self-serving efforts to retain power. Many of his harshest critics were his closest allies during 15 years of imprisonment, exile abroad and house arrest that ended last July when his political rights were finally restored.

It was Mr Kim Dae Jung's stubbornness and his refusal to compromise that made him an international symbol of the South Korean Government's human rights abuses. Now, his critics say, the characteristics that once made him a hero are destroying his popularity as well as the opposition chances of overcoming the ruling party's grip on power.

Spy book did not seek total freedom

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Peter Wright, the author of *Spycatcher*, was not trying to set a precedent that would allow former intelligence officers an unlimited right to document their work, the High Court of Australia was told yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, who also represents the book's publishers, Heinemann Australia, said: "This case is not about a widening of the gates of publication by former intelligence officers. It's not about giving Peter Wright unfettered right to publish. It's about one book."

The manuscript of the book came into the hands of the British Government in February 1986, before publication. Mr Wright had asked the Government on numerous occasions to point out any passages of detriment. "But these requests to particularize the detriment, whether confidential matters or not, were all rebuffed," he said.

Mr Turnbull was responding to submissions by Mr Thea Sinos QC, for the British Government, which is appealing against a decision by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to lift a temporary ban on the publication of *Spycatcher*. He claimed that Sir Robert Armstrong, the former Cabinet Secretary who gave evidence at the earlier hearings, "had objections to the book as a whole - what amounted to a total ban on Mr Wright."

Justice Mary Gaudron had questioned Sir Robert's status as a witness "as the spokesperson for the Sovereign responsible for national security." She said: "I do not understand on what basis we should consider Robert Armstrong's evidence any different from any other witness, as having any greater force."

Mr Sinos admitted only a small part of *Spycatcher* contained disclosures in breach of Mr Wright's former duty as an intelligence officer. But he insisted that Mr Wright "cannot profit from his wrong".

The Government wants the court to order the seizure of the profits from the book.

Mr Sinos said: "There's no legal basis in any context for the view that somehow the conduct by others has given Mr Wright *carte blanche*. It would mean you could never draw the line. It's time to say enough is enough. Mr Wright cannot profit from his wrong."

The hearing will end today and the judges are expected to reserve final judgment for up to six months.

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- 4 Livestock (6)
- 9 Sovereign (7)
- 10 Large stream (5)
- 11 Cow shelter (4)
- 12 Wearing scarf (7)
- 14 Cosubstantiality beliefs statement (6,5)
- 18 Of marriage (7)
- 19 Gape (4)
- 22 Cyprinid fish (5)
- 24 Figurative language (7)
- 25 Reduce (6)
- 26 Re a follower (6)

DOWN

- 1 Fowl's head outgrowth (4)
- 2 Liquid (5)
- 3 Farce (9)
- 5 For every (3)
- 6 Go round (7)
- 7 Angry speech (6)
- 8 Apprehension PM (11)
- 11 Bread container (3)
- 13 Hearth screen (9)
- 15 Incursions (7)
- 16 Indian mail relay (3)
- 17 Unprincipled (6)
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SPECTRUM

Making it up with the King



Although Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, a court decided they had no claim to the treasures it contained. After the Earl's death, the rest of the Carnarvon collection was sold to the Americans. It was a sad day for Britain, but for the sixth Earl (above), fed up with Egyptology, it meant a return to country house normality. Bryan Appleyard reports on how the family finally came to terms with its history



Triumphal march: Howard Carter watches as porters carry a wooden bust of Tutankhamun from the diggings in the Valley of the Kings, where it was discovered in the ante-chamber to the royal tomb in 1923

So the Carnarvon estate was officially deprived of any claim to the treasures of Tutankhamun. And that, for the sixth Earl, was that. Disgusted with the court's decision and bored by the whole subject of Egyptology, he proceeded to unwind his family's connections with the Pharaohs.

Howard Carter had, meanwhile, returned to Highclere Castle to sort out the fifth Earl's vast collection of antiquities. The collection was a mixture of material excavated before the Tutankhamun discovery, pieces purchased by Carnarvon and a few minor pieces from the tomb itself.

This collection had been willed separately to the fifth Earl's widow, Almina, Countess of Carnarvon. Most of the rest of the estate had gone to the sixth Earl. The will gave instructions on the best way of disposing of the collection.

"I would like her to give one object to the British Museum," it said, "one object to the Ashmolean, and a fragment cup of blue glass to the Metropolitan Museum, New York."

"Should she find it necessary to sell the collection, I

suggest that the nation — i.e. the British Museum — be given the first refusal at £20,000, far below its value, such sum, however, to be absolutely hers, free of all duties. Otherwise, I would suggest that the collection be offered to the Metropolitan, New York. Mr Carter to have charge of the negotiations and to fix the price."

Carter himself was left an additional £500 cash. Lady Evelyn, the fifth Earl's daughter, was left his pearl stud, his gold cigarette case, £1,000 and all his Bearer Bonds.

In November 1924, Carter sent 1,200 items to be held temporarily by the Bank of England. The reason for this move is unclear. What is clear is that there was no love lost between the sixth Earl and his mother, Lady Almina — a legacy of this unhappy childhood. They were entirely different personalities.

"She was the civilian Florence Nightingale," the present Earl explained. "She had this enormous nursing home in Portland Place. She was the first person to run a national health service single-handed. The rich paid a fortune and

the poor paid nothing." In addition, the sixth Earl's anti-Egyptian feelings seem to have been at their peak. Most likely he simply wanted the stuff — her inheritance — out of the house. He was to have nothing more to do with his mother, though his son, the present Lord Carnarvon, was to see her frequently.

Lady Almina, meanwhile, remarried soon afterwards and began an entirely new life. She was possessed of a consuming and reckless generosity. She wanted the money to finance her charity hospital in London. Her impetuosity led her to eventual bankruptcy, with debts of £30,000, in 1951. At her public examination at Bristol she agreed her insolvency was caused by "extravagance and generosity".

So perhaps the greatest private collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world went to the Bank of England, along with a note from Carter listing its contents. The present Lord Carnarvon has recently discovered this note. It is simply a typed list of 1,218 items. But at the bottom there is a handwritten note from Carter.

It reads: "I small case of pedestals belonging to the above antiquities. A few unimportant antiquities not belonging to the above series I left at Highclere. Howard Carter."

For scholars now, the note raises the complex question of

whether Carter really thought the material left behind at Highclere was unimportant.

"I don't think Carter was being sneaky or dishonest," Dr Nicholas Reeves, a curator at the British Museum, says. "He probably simply saw this as study material. He had other things to do — he was still clearing the tomb. And you have to remember he had been exposed for some months to all the extraordinary treasures of Tutankhamun."

In 1927, the collection finally went to the Metropolitan in New York for £50,000. It is uncertain why the British Museum lost it. Perhaps, in the end, the family simply went for the best price, a move that would have made sense to the extravagant Almina. But Carter was also probably keen on the idea. He had long had close links with the Met. It was their team which had helped him immediately after the discovery of the Tutankhamun tomb. Their photographer, Harry Burton, took the astonishing series of pictures of the excavation which went around the world and made Carter's face the emblem of the archaeologist at work. But it was a sad day for Britain.

"That deal made the Met one of the great museums of the world," Dr Nicholas Reeves, a British Museum curator, said ruefully. "It was one of the finest collections of

"I don't think Carter was being sneaky or dishonest. He saw this simply as study material"

Egyptian art ever put together." For the new Lord Carnarvon and the world, the last traces of Egypt had been removed from Highclere. Life returned to its usual country house rhythm of racing and shooting parties. The house was open 10 months a year. In February and March it closed. Lord Carnarvon went on holiday.

"There was never a calendar in the house in those days," the present Earl recalled. "It was always Ascot week or Goodwood, pheasants or partridges."

Robert Taylor arrived to take up the job of first footman in 1936, the year the sixth Earl of Carnarvon's 14-year-old marriage to Catherine Wendell finally ended. In 1939 he married the Austrian dancer Tilly Losch, but that also ended in divorce in 1947. For the remainder of his life he was regularly linked with a variety of potential new wives, but, after Tilly, he remained a bachelor.

"He was a marvellous man to work for," Taylor remembered, sitting on the vast leather chesterfield in the

smoking room at Highclere. "Whenever we travelled with him we always went first class. He never talked about Tutankhamun except occasionally he would say the Egyptians had reneged on the contract. And he did say he hadn't got anything left, it had all gone."

"Of course I knew nothing of the family when I first arrived. I had heard about the Tutankhamun discovery — that was the newspapers — but I wasn't really aware of the association at all. It wouldn't have penetrated."

The Second World War called a halt to the long party at Highclere. Staff and the family were called up and the castle was used to house evacuees. Taylor became a hero as a tank commander and returned to the castle in January 1946. The years of austerity followed. The country house life died. Lord Carnarvon (the present Lord Carnarvon) went to agricultural college, alarmed that the old order was finally about to perish.

"When Winston Churchill was kicked out I was convinced people wouldn't be

able to keep land unless they farmed it themselves," he explained. "I was determined to keep the estate together. I wanted to qualify as a farmer so we could farm the estate ourselves. There didn't seem any future in renting out the farms because rental income was taxed so heavily."

Unlike many others, the Highclere estate remained intact. The aristocratic social life picked up in the '50s and '60s. American visitors began to arrive, determined to sample the country house life they had so recently read about in Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*. Once more the Carnarvon name was regularly in the register at the Ritz and the sixth Earl was in the gossip columns.

In 1972 he even came to terms with his family's past. The great touring exhibition of the Tutankhamun treasures arrived in London, where it was sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, and went on to the United States. The story of the find was revived everywhere and Carnarvon became a chat show star

with his sporting anecdotes and tales of ancient Egypt, on which he had rapidly mugged up by reading Carter's books. And it was in that same year, while making arrangements for a party at Highclere, that Taylor had discovered the cupboards between the drawing room and the smoking room. "The drawing room was closed during the war and there had always been a table across the door so nobody went in," Taylor said. "On that rare occasion the two doors were open and I noticed these cupboards. I opened one and there was this sort of tin cigarette box or something and a lot of tissue paper."

He had opened the tin and found a necklace which, he assumed, was ancient Egyptian. Actually, it was the one thing in the cupboards that was not ancient. Dr Reeves was later to identify it as Islamic and relatively modern. But a few bits of antiquity in a cupboard in a house like Highclere did not startle Taylor. He closed the cupboard and thought nothing more of it until July 1987.

TOMORROW

Treasure hunt at Highclere: the extraordinary last chapter in the complex Carnarvon story



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Use every letter of this sentence once only to find three words closely associated with stars. What are they?

SAVING IS A TREASURE

3. MATHS Score 12

If you look at the following groups of figures you should be able to work out the simple logic which will enable you to discover the value of the question mark.

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$$(8 \ 4 \ 2 \ 8 = 2) \quad (6 \ 3 \ 1 \ 2 = ?)$$

4. MISCELLANEOUS Score 13

A clock is correct at midnight but gains 12 minutes 30 seconds per hour. You look at the clock and see that it shows 7.15am. You know that the clock stopped exactly 3 hours ago. What is the correct time now?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Score 4, 3, 4, 2

1. What was the title of Elvis Presley's first British hit?
2. What is the capital of Suriname?
3. How long was an ancient Greek Olympiad?
4. Who wrote and composed "La Marseillaise"?
5. Which locomotive achieved a record speed of 126 miles per hour on a brake-test run in July 1939?



ROUND 15 — ANSWERS

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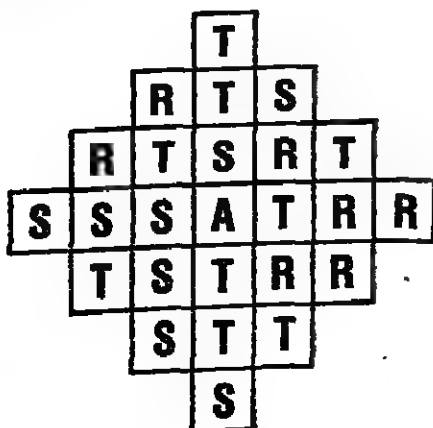
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1. LOGIC Score 15

If you get your pencil out you can trace the letters of the word ARTS in any order several times. You must always start at the centre "A" and move from square to square in any direction except diagonally. Once you have found one set of letters you count that as one and start again. Remember that A S R T can be rearranged to spell ARTS and so on. How many different routes can you find?

TIMES DIARY

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Washington

I have always wanted to start a column like that, with the date line Washington: it makes one feel like a reporter in a 1930s movie by Ben Hecht or Billy Wilder. I once had a friend whose lifetime ambition it was to start a column with the words Kuala Lumpur, only he could never find anything local to write about after that.

Anyway, I seem to be in the nation's capital in a week when it is quite clear that something extremely important and political and globally meaningful is going on, and I like to feel that I'm at the heart of it. The only trouble is that unlike the distinguished reporter to my immediate right this morning, I can't for the life of me work out what it all means. Somewhere around the country, several hundred thousand people seem to be voting on whether a Mr Bush is going to have to fight a Mr Dukakis or a Mr Gephardt for the next presidency, and I suppose the least we could do by November is learn how to spell their names correctly, unless of course they are planning to become evangelists or go off for Caribbean weekends with bimboes called Donna, in which case we shan't have to bother.

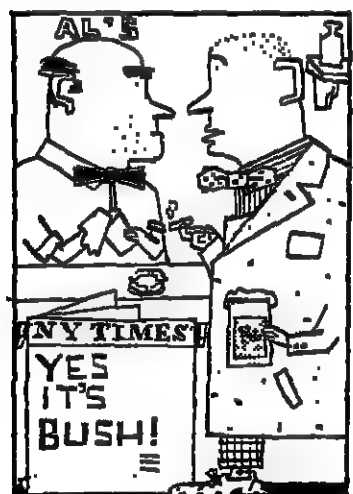
In the meantime, American inventiveness continues to be legendary: they now seem to have developed a soap that can make your hair sing. In the bathroom of the flat, sorry apartment, where two immensely talented television producers have been kind enough to lend me a bed, there is not only a clock radio with an alarm which works under water, presumably in case you want to be woken up with the news while having a bath, but also a brand of shampoo solemnly announcing on the label that it can give your hair both strength and volume.

In the olden days, when failed actors used to kill presidents instead of just becoming them, Ford's Theatre here was where Abraham Lincoln got shot, thereby leading to the tasteless joke about whether his wife had enjoyed the play otherwise. Intriguingly the theatre has now come back to life, though the box where Lincoln was sitting is still wreathed in flags and there's a wonderfully tactful programme note to the effect that the playhouse had to be closed for several decades "due to a national tragedy". Presumably if they said that Lincoln actually got shot there it might deter queues at the box office.

Anyway what the theatre is now offering, with quite superb timing, is a new musical about Elmer Gantry destined I would guess for Broadway and maybe even London, considerably boosted by the large number of latterday Elmer Ganttrys currently going noisily mad on all American television channels, not to mention the hustings.

One of several Washington wonders is the underground, known as the Yuppies. Line because it runs only through the wealthiest sections of town. It has thick carpets in all the cars and an amazing electrical system whereby lights flash at you from under the platform when an arrival is imminent. Passengers refusing to leave the trains, as they have recently been doing in London for reasons of sheer masochism, would probably only do so here because the comfort of the actual trains surpasses even anything available once you leave the station by way of the open-air escalators which rise into a night sky of often breathtaking beauty.

BARRY FANTONI



'It's beginning to look like a no-horse race'

Waiting backstage and in some terror at the Smithsonian before lecturing to 500 strangers who have kindly if eccentrically paid \$10 a ticket to hear my thoughts on the past and future of the British theatre, my eye falls on the only notice pinned to the back wall of the lecture theatre. It reads: "If you are fitted with a pacemaker do not approach within ten feet of the microwave." There is, however, no sign of a microwave.

Are Americans with pacemakers generally in the habit of wandering through the back corridors of their most famous museum searching for a quick hot snack, and if so is this a service which ought to be brought to the attention of the new director of the Victoria and Albert?

An intriguing if depressing lunch with Jeremy Campbell, youthful deputy of the British press corps in Washington, who is now coming up to his seventh presidential election. Sent out here in his early twenties for the 1960 campaign, not as a reward but as a punishment by the Beaverbrook press for having invented with Michael Winner a mythical gossip-column superstar called Venetia Crust, he looks back in elegant and understandable nostalgia to the days when, if you wished to interview John F. Kennedy, you simply took the lift to his hotel suite and knocked. Now, says Campbell, you can't even get into the hotel lobbies without having to clamber over hundreds of secret servicemen and television lighting cameramen, just to get the collected thoughts, or more probably thought, of a plastic media man.

This, thinks Campbell, is going to be a sad election in the sense that good men like Cuomo don't want to run, because they know how difficult it will be to straighten America out over the next four years. As a result, Americans are now voting for men they only vaguely wish to see in office.

Washington
A campaign song of Congress-
man Richard Gephardt, the
Democrat who campaigned on
protecting American industry
from the Japanese and the
Koreans, was "Born in the
USA". He lost hugely on Super
Tuesday. A campaign song of
either Vice-President George
Bush, or Governor Michael Du-
kakis, both of whom cam-
paign on everything and
nothing, could have been "Born
in the USA". Mr Bush won
all the states in the Republican
primaries and Mr Dukakis a
majority of the Democratic.

Everywhere, Americans were
to be found who would apologize
to us visitors for the tedium of
Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis.
Probably never before have two
front runners for their parties'
presidential nominations
aroused such torpor. A Bush-
Dukakis contest in the autumn
looked as a terrible threat to the
Republic. The American politi-
cal system had survived civil
war, the depression, the cold war
and Vietnam. Could it survive
being rendered comatose by these
two crashers?

Yet vast numbers of Ameri-
cans voted for them on Tuesday.
Why? The answer lies in the
difference in their attitude to-
wards politicians of people who

follow politics and people who,
from time to time, just vote. The
latter do not insist on their
politicians being interesting or
exciting. If they are, it is a bonus.

Mr Bush's main rival, Senator
Dole, was wittier and quicker in
debate. That was why he was
popular with the people who
follow politics. Mr Bush simply
went around identifying himself
with President Reagan. That was
why he was popular with the
people who just vote.

Until setting foot in the
United States, especially in the
South, the visiting foreigner
could not appreciate the full
force of Mr Reagan's popularity.
Americans as a whole do not
dwell on Iran-Contra or the
October stock market crash.
They prefer to remember the
preceding six years of rising
prosperity over which Mr
Reagan presided and his limit-
less good nature.

Ah, but the deficit! Quite so.
But Americans do not seem to be

as worried about deficits as they
are constantly told they should
be. Did they but know it, they
have much more respectable authority
on their side from Ricardo
downwards.

In any case, now that we have
all had time to think about it
more, it could be that the stock
market crash was caused, as
much as anything, by the sad,
cumulative realization that Mr
Reagan's term of office was
coming to an end. That is hardly
an explanation which could
easily be used against him by his
opponents.

Mr Bush has been the benefi-
ciary of seven years of Mr
Reagan. It did not look like that
during the New Hampshire pri-
mary campaign after Senator
Dole had beaten him in the Iowa
caucus. But Iowa is one of the
few parts of the country where
Mr Reagan is unpopular. Iow-
ans, like farmers the world
over, do not believe the govern-
ment is protecting them enough

from the uncertainties of the
crops. But in New Hampshire,
Mr Reagan is as popular as he is
in the South, and for Mr Bush,
victory in the one has led
unstopably to victory in the
other.

Nor does it look as if Mr
Bush's opponents can rely on the
Martin van Buren effect — the
much-cherished piece of
information that no sitting vice-
president has been elected presi-
dent, as opposed to succeeding
to the presidency as a result of
death from illness or assassina-
tion, since 1834.

A more important piece of
information is that no other
vice-president has campaigned
for the presidency without his
outgoing president either trying
to harm him or doing nothing
much to help him (Eisenhower
and Nixon in 1960, Johnson and
Humphrey in 1968). Mr Reagan
is too benign for that. At strategic
moments, he will campaign for
Mr Bush in the autumn.

Senator Dole is left to fume at
what he undoubtedly sees as the
injustice of it all. He knows that
Mr Bush is no more an inspi-
rational Reagan-like figure than he
is. He remembers that, when Mr
Bush fought Mr Reagan for the
1980 Republican nomination,
the future vice-president
described the future president's
theories about the nature of
capitalism as "wooden economi-
cs", the one phrase of Mr Bush's
to enjoy a modest renown.

Senator Dole remembers that.
Some of the rest of us do. But
most voters do not.

"It's name recognition," Mr
Dole openly lamented in front of
reporters during a chat on the
Super Tuesday trail. "It's cer-
tainly not anything he's done.
There's nothing there. It's being
close to Ronald Reagan."

He had a point. "Name recog-
nition" is the key insiders'
phrase of this presidential ses-
sion, as "charisma" and "mo-
mentum" were in seasons gone

by. A candidate has either got it
or he hasn't. Like most such
phrases it is another way of
saying something obvious. A
candidate who is famous, or
connected with someone even
more famous, is likely to win
more votes than someone whom
voters have hardly ever heard of.

That is Mr Bush. For seven
years he has been on television.
This alone ensures him a fame
denied to all the other bores in
America. But he has also been
seen vaguely to be connected
with the most popular man in
the country. Theoretically, this
could mean that a candidate who
gets himself named "George
Washington" could still sweep
the country. Suffice to say that it
was good enough to ensure fame
for George Bush.

On Mr Dukakis, we should
delay judgement for at least a few
weeks. His fame, and claim to
time on national television, are
only a few weeks old. They
derive from his victory in New
Hampshire. And why did he win
New Hampshire? Because he
came from neighbouring
Massachusetts. Thus does fame
spread.

America is about bores. On
Super Tuesday, the Rev Jesse
Jackson brought new hope to
America's blacks — Mr Bush and
Mr Dukakis to America's bores.

Frank Johnson reports on Super Tuesday's yawning after

Great bores battle on

Bernard Levin

Loonies we can safely ignore

I was Voltaire who said "If I
were accused of stealing the
towers of Notre Dame I
would make a bolt for it at
once." He thus dramati-
cally encapsulated the terrible
truth that there is nothing too
obviously false for somebody,
somewhere, to believe it. He
might have added that there is
also nothing too plainly inexcus-
able for somebody to excuse it.

These melancholy thoughts
passed through my mind last
weekend when I read an item in
The Sunday Times about the
circulation of a broadsheet, de-
signed to look like a newspaper,
called *Holocaust News*, the pur-
pose of which is to maintain that
the extermination of millions of
Jews in the Final Solution never
happened, and that the claim
that it did is nothing more than
the propaganda of a Jewish
conspiracy.

I received a copy months ago.
Since my normal rule in these
matters is to ignore such ravings,
I did nothing. There is nothing
new about *Holocaust News*; a
few years ago a pamphlet ap-
peared, with the title *Did Six
Million Really Die?* This was
published under a pseudonym,
Richard Harwood, the author's
real name being Verral; this, too,
argued that only a few
thousand Jews died in the
camps, mostly of natural causes.
(The editor of the new version,
Richard Edmonds, a member of
one of the Naziist groupuscules
that split off from the National
Front, does go a trifle further,
claiming that the deaths that
weren't from illness were of
those "executed for sabotaging
the war effort.")

Charming folk, what? But
though I am sorry to give offence
in saying so, I cannot take even
such pestilential vileness seriously.
To be sure, it is widely rooted;
there is Professor Faurisson in
France, for instance, and the
delightful Mr Butz in the United
States, and in the Federal
Republic there is the *Deutsche
Nationalzeitung*, though those in
charge of it have to be careful,
because denying the Holocaust is
an offence there.

Anti-Semitism, like other ir-
rationalities, will not be cured by

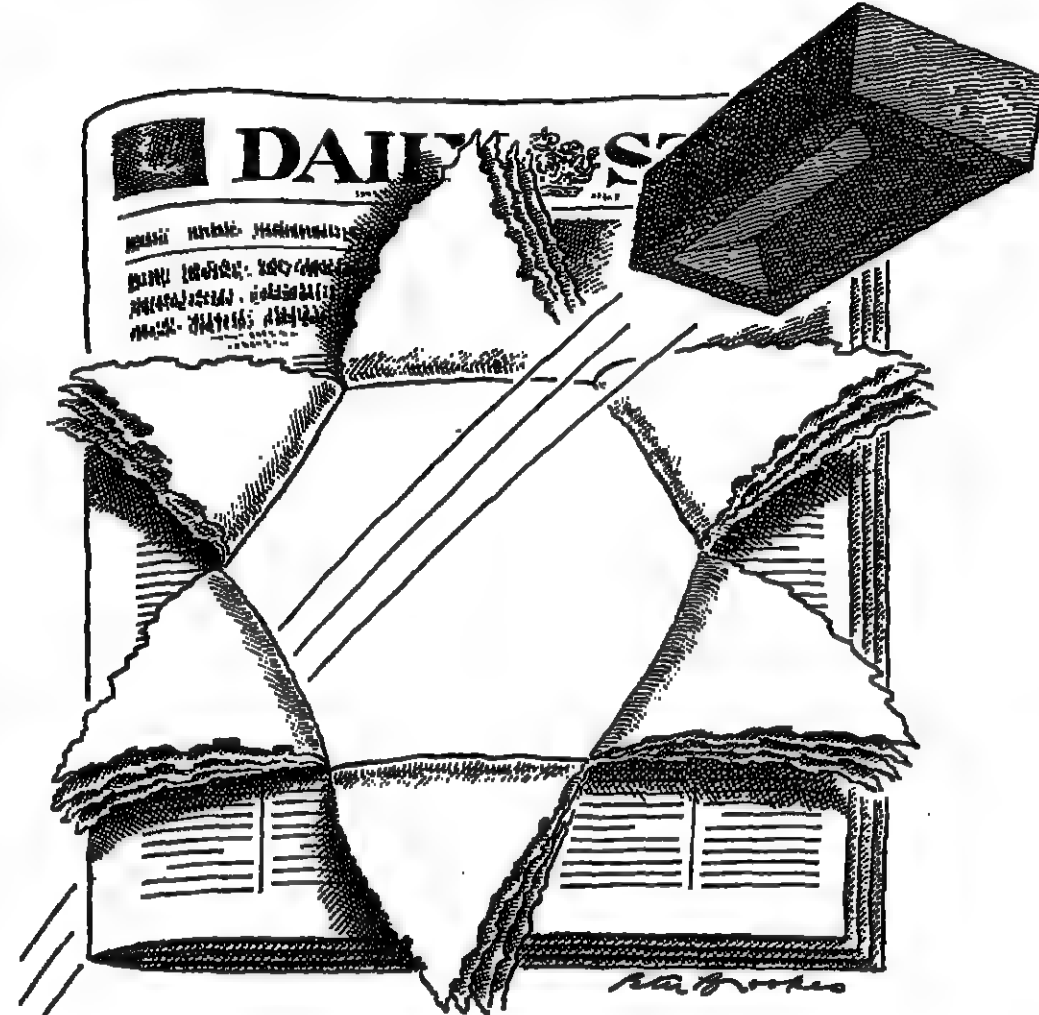
reason; I must add that it will
also not be cured by laws.
(Copies of *Holocaust News* have
been sent to the Director of
Public Prosecutions.) It must be
unravelling for these poor, crazed
creatures to find Jews behind
every door, plotting to take over
the country, and meanwhile
putting poison in the milk
bottles on the doorsteps of clean-
living Hitler worshippers, but
there is nothing to be done.

Before the Second World War
there really was reason to be
concerned about British anti-
Semitism; Mosley's riff-raff
knocked out a good many Jewish
teeth, and knocked in even more
Jewish windows, and if their
heroes and exemplars across the
Rhine had won the war — but
there is no need to finish that
sentence.

I bet nobody but me now
remembers Captain Ramsey. He
was a Tory MP who was so
devotedly pro-Hitler that he was
imprisoned under the same
emergency wartime regulations
that netted Mosley and many of
his followers, but he remained an
MP. (The detainees were not
charged with any criminal of-
fence, so there were no grounds
on which he could be expelled
from the House.) He was let out,
as was Mosley, in 1944, and the
first thing he did was to bustle off
to Parliament and introduce a
Bill that would compel all Jews
to wear a six-pointed yellow star
on their clothing; I have to say,
though I shall give even greater
offence by saying it, that it is
almost impossible to withhold
admiration from a man so
monomaniacally consistent.

Ramsey wasn't the
worst, either. There
was a man called
Arnold Leese who at-
tacked Mosley for
being insufficiently anti-Semitic;
indeed, he called the Leader "the
kosher Fascist". Leese also put
his mouth where his opinions
were; he advocated the exter-
mination of British Jews. (He
was also the leading authority on
camel diseases. Well, I suppose
somebody has got to be.)

Then there was A.K. Ches-
terton, who was originally one of



Mosley's followers but broke
with him and went on to set up
an outfit called the League of
Empire Loyalists; he lived long
enough to gather together many
fascist splinters and weld
them into the National Front. A
very rich South American lu-
natic, who kept his bath full of
walnuts (of which he feared a
shortage), made a will leaving his
considerable fortune to Ches-
terton, but it was overturned. (No
doubt Chesterton blamed the
Jews for cheating him out of his
inheritance.)

You wouldn't think it to look
at me, but I gave evidence in a
court case on behalf of Ches-
terton's Empire Loyalists; (I was

there when some of them were
beaten up by Winter Garden
attendants in Blackpool when
they interrupted the Tory party
conference, and Aristides Levin,
murmuring "Fiat justitia, ruat
coelum", described what he had
seen. (It did no good; apparently
they charged the wrong attend-
ants.)

I am sorry (I seem to be
spending this entire column
apologizing), but I really cannot
get worked up about anti-Semi-
tism in Britain today. The truth
is that the Nazis demonstrated
for all time just what that poison
can lead to, and it shocked
almost all but the real swine into
abandoning it. It survives today

only among the swine them-
selves, the ones who are too mad
even to talk to, and — very
faintly — the last heirs to the kind
of genteel anti-Semitism that was
rife in respectable 1930s draw-
ing-rooms.

Leave *Holocaust News* alone;
the dead can suffer no more, and
the living are in no danger,
however much pain such things
awake in some of them. And if
you want an illustration of the
eternal impossibility of getting
any sense into the heads of the
maddest ones, those heads which
seethe and boil with their hate
and terror of the peculiar people
called Jews, let me tell you a
story of my own experience.

Some years ago I was asked to
address a very respectable An-
glo-German body. After my
speech, questions were invited,
and it became demonstrably
clear that the organization had
been infiltrated by a group of di-
hard British Nazi supporters. As
I was leaving the hall, a mad-
looking little man plucked me by
the sleeve.

"You're a Jew, aren't you?"
he said. I murmured "Why, yes".
"Ah," said he, "now the six-
pointed Star of David is the
Jewish symbol, isn't it?" Long-
ing for a drink, but unable to get
through the slow-moving crowd,
I conceded his point. "Well," he
said, his eyes now glittering,
"how can you deny that all the
publishers and all the news-
papers and magazines and books
in this country are controlled by
the Jews, when on every page
they have put the Star of David?"

I patted him on the shoulder
and said I hoped he would
feel better in the morning.
A few minutes later, with
the drink before me, I
described my encounter. "What
can he be seeing," I asked the
company, "to imagine that the
Jews are everywhere he looks in
any printed page?"

No one could even make a
guess, so we agreed that madness
is not excusable, and talked of
happier things. A few minutes
later there was a cry of "I've got
it!" from a girl from the German
embassy. We turned to her.

"Look," she said, opening a copy
of a newspaper, "asterisks".
It was true; wherever that poor
devil saw an asterisk he saw the
sign manual of the Jewish Beast,
pursuing him everywhere. Do
you really want to try to reason
with that, or to prosecute those
who deny the gas chambers? One
day, all people will be wise,
enlightened, free of all prejudice,
and rational. But while we are
waiting for the day, we should
remember that Nineveh, too,
was a great city wherein were
more than six score thousand
persons who could not discern
between their right hand and
their left hand; and also much
cattle.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Calling the tune

Governments are usually most
free politically to live by their
own articles of faith in the first
year of a parliament and Mr
Lawson is particularly free to
make this Budget his *piece de
resistance*. The Treasury's col-
lers are brimful and despite the
unpopularity of the Govern-
ment's policies on particular
matters (especially the NHS and
the poll tax) it maintains its lead
over Labour in the opinion polls.
This is because there is no dis-
position to turn Mrs Thatcher
out if it means handing power to
Mr Kinnock's party.

It is part of ministers' accepted
wisdom that the substantial tax-
cutting and tax-reforming of this
Budget will further bolster the
Conservatives' advantage. In the
shorter term it will, but in the
long run Mr Lawson's tax re-
missions will be judged on two
criteria. Are they equitable?

What are their implications for
the standards in the public sector
which matter to the public?

The Government's articles of
faith require substantial tax-
cutting at the top and there is
quite a lot to be said for this in
economic principle even though
I doubt whether those who earn
between £100,000 and £1 mil-
lion a year are significantly
disposed to work less effectively
by present tax rates. But the test
of the tax cuts will be how
genuinely they benefit the lowest
earners who come into taxation
too soon and then pay at too high
a rate, so that for many there is
no proper differential between
what they take home from
earnings and subsistence on
social benefits. It is also im-
portant that the net tax burden
on low-middle earners should
not be neglected, as has tended to
happen under this government.

But the broader question

underlying the Budget is the
relationship between lightening
the tax load on individuals and
maintaining the standard of
public services. At the weekend
the Prime Minister gave an
insight of startling clarity into
her own thinking on the matter.
"I read almost every day," she
said, "that the Chancellor has a
lot of money to play with. The
truth is that he has't got a penny
to give away. It's about how
much he takes from the private
pocket." Alas, that statement is
somewhat deficient in under-
standing of an historical prin-
ciple which has always underlain
taxation in this country.

It is true that the Chancellor
has no money to give. But he
also has no power to "take". The
money he has is not taken by
him but given voluntarily by the
taxpayers through Parliament
and has been for over 700 years.
It is an equally ancient principle
that what the majority decides
through its parliamentary repre-
sentatives to give to the Govern-
ment for the public good is
binding on every individual.

Furthermore, for centuries the
taxpayers and/or their repre-
sentatives have demonstrated a
wish to pay for policies they
approve of but not for those they
dislike. Kings and governments
have come to sticky ends for
trying to raise money for un-
popular causes, but wealth has
always been poured out to pay
for popular policies, whether
medieval wars or contemporary
social spending.

Governments can fail for not
spending as well as for spending
unacceptably. Unfortunately, in
adopting the proper principle
that the role of the state should
be diminished, this government
increasingly tends to give the impression that it

thinks any public spending auto-
matically inferior to private
spending. Ministers should re-
member that whereas the public
does not want things that can be
better run privately to be run
publicly (which is why socialism
is unpopular) it also thinks that
if government runs something of
importance, it should be run well
without cheseparing.

Until such time as a par-
liament elected to do so makes a
different arrangement, the public
expects the NHS, the schools,
universities and public transport
systems to be decently run and
financed. Public squander affects
the daily lives of people in a way
from which no kind of private
initiative offers an escape,
whether in the appalling condi-
tions on some lines of the
London underground to which
there is no rational alternative
for most users, pot-holed roads
which spare the back axles of
neither rich nor poor, or sub-
standard hospitals in which even
Bupa members can end up.

It does not follow that because
socialism has given state spend-
ing a bad name, private spending
is always automatically more
thrilling to the public. It depends
on the purposes of the spending.
Some of it is regarded in
essentially the same way as a
citizen regards his insurance
policy. Economics necessary to
combat inflation are not accept-
able in better times. The Tory
party has always understood the
honourable concept of public
service. If the Government is
seriously interested in a fourth
term it must not forget either
equity in taxation or the stan-
dard of the public services. It is
not a question of the Chancellor
either taking or giving; it is that
the majority of the nation wishes
to pay for having done.

SCIENCE REPORT

Nipped in the blood

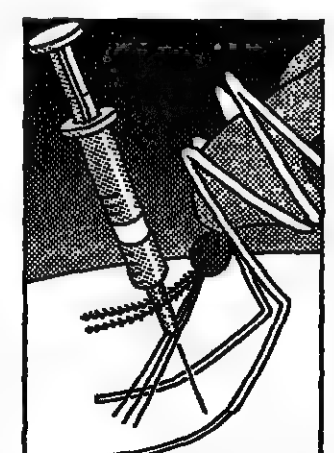
Researchers in Colombia say
they are greatly encouraged by
the first trials on human
beings of a vaccine against
malaria. Dr Manuel Patarroyo
and colleagues from the
national university say that
three out of four volunteers
vaccinated were protected to a
considerable degree.

The development, reported
in today's *Nature*, is remark-
able on two further counts.
First, the vaccine, which
consists of an engineered protein
molecule, is a novel approach
to protection against infectious
agents that appear in several
immunological crises. Second,
the trials would probably have
been forbidden in many coun-
tries because of the risk to the
volunteers, who were given
malaria parasites and moni-
tored for the extent to which
the disease developed.

Despite the seriousness of
malaria, estimated to cause a
quarter of child deaths in
Africa, vaccine development
has been slow, largely because
of the intricate life cycle of the
malaria parasite.

The parasites passed into
the bloodstream by mosqui-
toes in the process of feeding
present a distinctive face to the
body's immune system.
Once in the blood, the
parasites head for the liver,
where they multiply rapidly,
and emerge in another distinc-
tive form that invades the red
blood cells, multiplying fur-
ther and destroying increasing
numbers of cells to cause
anaemia, one of the symptoms
of malaria.

The changing immunologi-
cal face of the parasites im-



David Hart

pedes the search for a vaccine.
Immunity to the form injected
by mosquitoes will not remove
parasites infecting liver cells,
red blood cells or the still later
blood stages. Worse, the im-
mune system has more diffi-
culty removing parasites con-
cealed within the body's cells.
Researchers must also de-
cide which stage of the para-
site should be used to generate
immunity. The ideal would be
to kill all parasites before they
reach the liver, but the escape
of just one parasite will initiate
disease. And defence against
the blood stages comes too
late, after malaria is estab-
lished in the liver.

A further complication is
that the character of the
malaria parasites most easily
recognized by the immune
system seem unusually prone
to change. The result has been
to defeat one standard ap-
proach to vaccine develop-
ment: the search for common

characters of the parasite that
the immune system can recog-
nize.

Patarroyo and his col-
leagues have solved this diffi-
culty ingeniously. Instead of
looking for one key charac-
teristic they have broken up
whole parasites and separated
them into their component
proteins. They then can test
each protein's ability to im-
munize a monkey to malaria,
making the active regions from
the most successful proteins
artificially.

In the hope that these
regions would also be active in
humans, they linked several of
the artificial regions together
to make two composite can-
didate vaccines, testing them
in volunteers from the Colum-
bian army, with the help of the
country's main military hospi-
tal. The volunteers were
given the vaccine, followed by
parasites, and were monitored
for development of malaria. If
the parasites grew beyond a
given level, the volunteers
were treated with drugs.

It is not really clear why the
vaccine candidates work as
well as reported; one of the
synthetic vaccines suppressed
malaria almost completely in
three of the four volunteers
tested.

The linking of several of the
active principles into one unit
may improve the ability of the
immune system to recognize
the whole construct and re-
spond to it. It may also be that
the constructs generate a re-
sponse to several of the stages
of the parasite.

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PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION

Having sharpened the competitive edge of British industry and imposed a fair measure of reform on the trade unions, the Government is now turning its attention to the professions. That, anyway, is the interpretation which has — loosely, perhaps — been placed on this week's Green Paper outlining a strategy for the further reduction of restrictive trade practices in Britain. As many as 17 professions of one kind or another have so far enjoyed exemption from the laws enforcing competition and fair trading in the market place. That this may now be coming to an end is welcome news.

Previous administrations have sought to free the country from cartels of various kinds. Harold Wilson once tried to make a "bonfire of controls", while James Callaghan, oversaw the publication of a remarkably radical statement of the case against restrictive trade practices. With such precedents in mind, Lord Young has a right to expect a wide measure of cross-party support in both Houses. He now plans to rewrite legislation which has been in force since the 1950s — when a previous Conservative government tentatively tackled the problem by requiring any agreements "in restraint of trade" to be registered with the State and tested before a specialist tribunal, the Restrictive Practices Court.

The broad objective now is to introduce a general prohibition on restrictive practices. This will replace the present system, under which a complaint that any particular practice is against the public interest, has first to be investigated by the Office of Fair Trading and then become the subject of a successful prosecution, before being upheld. Applied to the provision of goods and most services this action against trade restraint is right.

Taken together the ancient professions of law and medicine, and the more recent ones like engineering and accounting, must be seen as more than organizations to restrict supply and increase their members' incomes. They are, in the best sense, conservative institutions, which have helped to preserve the ethics and

standards of their members for many generations. They may therefore be seen as essential monitors of personal conduct and professional values among men and women in whom the public has to place great trust and on whom some people heavily rely.

To talk about "breaking down" professional power is therefore not entirely appropriate. The fact is, however, that professional groups, of which the most obvious examples are solicitors and barristers, conduct their affairs in restraint of trade. Whether there is a necessary connection between these groups' ethical and disciplinary responsibilities and the protection which they afford from market forces is questionable. To stop estate agents banding together in little local cartels to raise the cost of their services to consumers, is one thing. Here, Lord Young's prescription for strengthening the Office of Fair Trading, with summary powers to act, is appropriate. If his proposals are to assail the British Medical Association for enforcing rules governing, say, the advertising of medical services, then they need the most careful consideration.

There seems no reason, however, why a requirement for solicitors to list their charges for conveyancing, or a system for monitoring civil engineers in the way they bid for construction work, should in any way impugn the professional bodies which stand behind the individual practitioner. Neither the British Medical Association nor the Bar Council is entirely innocent of practice "in restraint of trade". The occasional foray into their territory by the Office of Fair Trading could be useful — and clearly in the public interest.

As most of those in the professions affected by this week's discussion paper have historically been seen as the Conservative Party's own supporters, this latest declaration of intent says much about the Prime Minister's political courage. It also reflects the confident mood in which she has embarked upon her third term in office.

FROM A FAR COUNTRY

The Chinese Foreign Minister, who arrives in London today, has before him a varied introduction to Britain which includes industrial South Wales, Rolls-Royce at Derby and a spot of cultural tourism at Stratford-upon-Avon. The core of his visit, however, will be a full day of talks at Chevening with the Foreign Secretary. If the conclusion of the location permits a degree of frankness impossible in Whitehall, that is all to the good. Mr Wu Xueqian and Sir Geoffrey Howe should have some hard talking to do.

Aside from the perennial issue of Anglo-Chinese trade and how to speed to fruition outstanding projects, their agenda will cover two delicate political topics: Hong Kong and Tibet. While these problems appear as different in character as the areas are geographically distant, there are points in common which the leadership in Peking and the Foreign Office in London have preferred, for their own reasons, to coat in diplomatic silence.

The Chinese regard Tibet as an internal matter, and Britain — which helped to draft the words governing Tibet's incorporation into China 38 years ago — has chosen to accept this. Hong Kong, in contrast, is acknowledged by both sides to be a matter of mutual concern, although Britain has the last word until the transfer to Chinese sovereignty is complete in 1997. But the distinction is not so clear-cut.

The official description of Tibet's status, "regional autonomy under Chinese suzerainty", is not so very different from the planned provision for Hong Kong's status within China — "one country, two systems" — by which Peking has pledged to leave Hong Kong's political and economic system unchanged for 50 years after the transfer. Moreover, in the case of Tibet, the pledge of autonomy has not always been observed as scrupulously as was hoped when its status was agreed. The ravaging of Tibet during the Cultural Revolution is only the most extreme

example of the humiliation which Tibet has endured in the past 40 years.

Chinese sources are already denying that there is any equivalence between Tibet and Hong Kong. That denials have been made, however, means that concern has been voiced. The nationalist disturbances in Tibet over the past six months and the way the Chinese authorities have dealt with them will have done little to assuage it.

The causes of Tibet and Hong Kong also converge in the extent to which Britain appears prepared to make concessions to Peking. While in Britain, the Chinese Foreign Minister will have every opportunity to put his government's view: in private and in public. Next month, when the Dalai Lama — the religious leader of the Tibetans who fled the country in 1959 — visits Britain, he will have none of these opportunities. He has been expressly forbidden from making "political statements."

This condition for his visit, which has already been condemned as a violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights, appears designed to save China embarrassment. Peking was angered last year by statements made by the Dalai Lama during a tour of the United States which, it said, gave support to Tibetan demands for independence from China. The inference can be drawn that the Foreign Office has sacrificed the principle of free speech for the sake of safeguarding relations with China: possibly to safeguard future trade; probably to prevent new difficulties over Hong Kong.

The wisdom of such a move is highly questionable. Coming so soon after the White Paper on Hong Kong's electoral system, which postponed the direct elections many Hong Kong residents believed they had been promised, it suggests that Britain is prepared to placate China even at the cost of cherished democratic principles. The time may come, after 1997, when there is no choice. But that is nine years hence.

FLEXIBLE WORKING

By 1995 Britain's labour force will have increased by nearly 1 million over its present level, according to the latest official projections. The total number of people available for work, both employed and unemployed, is now projected to grow from 27.16 last year to a new record total of 28.07 million. This rate of growth is considerably faster than in the Government's last set of projections. In the period to 1991, the labour force is now expected to grow by over 700,000. And the increase will accelerate between 1993 and 1995.

An expansion of human resources in the economy is entirely welcome and reduces the risk that economic growth may run into the buffers or lead to higher inflation because of a scarcity of workers to do the work. But it also means that the economy will have to generate more jobs simply to keep unemployment where it is, let alone reduce it further.

Paradoxically, it is believed to be the Government's very success in reducing the numbers out of work which has brought people back into the labour market. When unemployment was over 3 million and rising some potential workers, particularly women, were apparently too discouraged by the lack of jobs to start looking for work. Now that the demand for labour is stronger, even though it is highly variable in different parts of the country, these discouraged workers are "getting on their bikes". In the year to mid-1987 the labour force is now thought to have grown at double the previously expected rate largely because more people have been tempted into the market.

The overwhelming majority of these extra workers are women. Britain already has a higher proportion of women at work outside the home than most other industrialized

countries. But social changes, including gradually increasing child-care facilities, are encouraging more to look for employment. Matching this increased supply of female labour is increased demand, as the old muscle-based smoke-stack industries contract and office work expands.

The steady increase in the number of working women complements the slowly increasing flexibility in work patterns. Part-time employment often suits working mothers, and increasingly it suits employers.

Growing flexibility can also be detected in the continuing rapid growth in the number of self-employed. Last year the number of self-employed increased by about 250,000, roughly twice as fast as the recent trend. Many of the self-employed form part of a growing sub-economy of small-scale contractors serving larger employers, who increasingly prefer to buy in goods and services. Britain has a long way to go before it emulates the small-scale entrepreneurs of northern Italy, but the rise in the number of self-employed is a good sign.

Nevertheless, unemployment remains a continuing challenge for the Government. Although the number of people coming off the unemployment register has risen dramatically during the past 18 months, the fall in unemployment recorded by the annual Labour Force Survey is much smaller. Women have taken many of the new jobs and male unemployment, which is often unemployment of the breadwinner, is still high. A gradual trend towards earlier retirement will only nibble at the edges of the problem. The best prescription for a continued reduction in the numbers of jobless is a strong economy. Next week's Budget presents an opportunity to push this forward.

When net closes on tax dodgers

From Mr L. F. Robins
Sir, Perhaps you will allow me, as a former servant of the Inland Revenue for 43 years, to rebut some of the criticisms contained in the articles you have recently published about taxation (Spectrum, March 1-4).

What is it exactly that your carping contributors are complaining about? Is it that, as the quoted statistics show, the Revenue is getting better all the time at detecting tax evasion? If so, that ought surely to be a matter of general satisfaction, since the tax cheat is simply robbing the rest of us. I have met many taxpayers, caught fast in the PAYE net, who resent the liberties taken by some of the self-employed and who wish more power to the Revenue's elbow.

Is it then the Revenue's methods? As to this, your contributors ought to know that the odds are in fact heavily stacked against the inspector, since, as a general rule, the concealment of business takings can only be inferred from circumstantial evidence of the kind that he finds it difficult to come by. (By contrast, the ordinary citizen will know, merely from his social contacts, where he would begin to look for tax evasion in his own neighbourhood).

In these circumstances, the use of limited information to support a general challenge to the veracity of a taxpayer's returns is a prudent practice, amply justified by the discoveries to which it so often leads. It is but a variant of the doctrine laid down long ago by the late Mr Sherlock Holmes, viz., that if one selected 10 names at random from Crockford's Clerical Directory and sent each a telegram saying "Fly at once, all is discovered", eight of them would unhesitatingly leave.

Finally, can we please have no more of the humbug implicit in some of the articles, viz., that business acumen or enterprise ought, for some unexplained reason, to attract a dispensation from the tax laws which bind the rest of us. Thus at one point Mr Lester Figgott was referred to as one of the Revenue's "victims" (March 1) whereas as far as I can see he was a victim of nothing but his own capidity. Yours faithfully, L. F. ROBINS, Crockett, Lee Common, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, March 4.

From Mr Henry Toth
Sir, You are quite right in stating (leading article, March 5) The Inspector of Taxes should never be blamed for the sins of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who

causes in the last undergrowth of complicated tax rules.

In fact the tax rules relevant to this issue are simple. According to the provisions of the Taxes Management Act, 1970 "an omission of income from an income-tax return is *prima facie* evidence of neglect" and similarly beyond the time limit is "neglect" and legally subject to penalty. In other words, the legislation does not provide for an "honest mistake" by the taxpayer. Similarly, there is no provision for the offence by the Inland Revenue of neglect.

In my view this statutory discrimination between Inland Revenue and taxpayer is at the root of the problems described in your articles. Many accountants gave evidence to the Keith Committee on this point. I was told by the secretary to the Keith Committee that it was understood and accepted by them.

So all the Chancellor needs to do is to act on it. Yours faithfully, HENRY TOTH, Candida, 49 Hawkswell Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, March 5.

From Mrs V. A. Haddon
Sir, We read Mr Brewerton's article (February 29) with some interest and relief to know that mistakes can so easily be made in claiming tax relief for students by means of a covenant. The very same thing happened to us.

Our daughter was in her third year at Cambridge when we claimed back the last four payments and made a mistake quoting "gross" for "net", as in your example. We were referred to two cases — Hooper-Williams v Steel 1944 and Clark v Clark — and instead of paying out on four payments, my daughter only got one.

I wrote complaining bitterly about the general unhelpfulness of the forms which used to be difficult evidence we applied. We never bothered about them much because we always grouped the claims in financial years and then waited up to three months for repayment. I asked for the dispute to be referred to an ombudsman, if one existed, our tax affairs for the covenant were then transferred to our local tax office in Watford, who were totally helpful.

We feel strongly that the whole system needs a complete review. One should not have to beg and plead for something rightly yours. Yours truly, VALERIE A. HADDON, 2 Shire Lane, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, February 29.

Checking the decades

From Professor Robert Weale
Sir, Sometimes it is difficult for the layman to apprehend the reasoning whereby professional historians forge links between political events in order to trace them to a First Cause. Your penetrating leader on Czechoslovakia's anniversaries (February 25) is a case in point.

History is on your side when you say that Stalin's man, Gottwald, came to power in 1948 legitimately (incidentally, so did Hitler in 1933). However, I seem to recall that earlier, in 1945, the Allied armies were halted, not by the enemy, but on General Eisenhower's orders, at the Czechoslovak borders, even though they could have liberated Prague before the Soviets arrived there.

Was this due to a moral decision, since we are much concerned these days about war-time morality or one of expediency? It is just possible that, with the Stars and Stripes in Prague, the Czechoslovak gusto for the Soviets might have been a little less cordial. The reverse is, of course, also possible.

However, not even Eisenhower's reticence need have been a First Cause. Fifty years ago, come next summer, one of your predecessors put in these columns weighty support to Lord Runciman whose endeavours paved the way for the Concert of Munich.

Yes, sir, not all is black in the realm of memory. I seem to recall that, in 1968, you published with amazing insight a cartoon showing Stalin, then dead 15 years, rising from his grave, his thorny tentacles strangling what came to be known as the Prague Spring. But you did even better than that, if my memory serves me right: once the Soviets had arrived, you wrote that progress will have been set back in that unfortunate country by some 20 years. Full marks for marrying prescience and precision.

Yours very truly, ROBERT WEALE, 5 Windmill Hill, NW3.

Doubts on GCSE

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde
Sir, Incidentally but predictably, the opponents of GCSE (and of all other kinds of educational change) are emerging from the woodwork to crush this much needed reform. The usual soule of assertions about lower standards, intellectual insufficiency, too much or too little rigour, etc. are fed into the imagination of those seeking assurances one way or the other.

You, Sir, bounding smartly on to the conservative bandwagon have added your contribution to Britain's persistently stolid attitudes towards change (leading article, February 23).

Your readers should know that there has been a succession of defeated attempts to broaden the basis of secondary education in England. The aim of reform is simple and civilising. It is to place greater emphasis on learning and understanding and less on academic abstraction and fact-gathering.

Waldheim affair

From Mr C. M. Woodhouse
Sir, May I add two points to Robert Falk's report ("Austrian commando 'executed' in Salzburg", March 3) on my conversation with him.

First, I have no direct evidence that Waldheim was personally involved in the fate of Captain "Bunny" Warren, of Force 133, nor in the massacre of the Italians in Cephalonia. All I can assert is a presumption that, in his position at the German headquarters outside Theodosiaki, he can hardly have been completely ignorant of what was taking place.

Secondly, I am glad to have

known Germans who refused on principle even to accept commissions from Hitler in the German army (let alone, join the Nazi party), and insisted on serving their country throughout the war only in the lowest ranks.

Much as I honour them, I cannot help wondering if they would have done better not to refuse, because as officers they would have set a moral example which might have put even the likes of Waldheim to shame. Yours faithfully, C. M. WOODHOUSE, Willow Cottage, Latimer, Buckinghamshire, March 3.

Unkindest cut

From Mr M. A. Wyldebor-Smith
Sir, I was intrigued to read Mr Browne's letter (March 2), as I had not seen the report (February 18) that the Army's new bayonet is to incorporate a bottle opener.

Can one presume that French Army bayonets will be equipped with a corkscrew and that Swiss Army bayonets will have not only a bottle opener and a corkscrew but also a tin opener, saw, file, scissors, screwdriver and something to prise stones out of horses' hooves?

Yours faithfully, M. A. WYLDEBOR-SMITH, Most Cottage, Truggist Lane, Berkswell, West Midlands, March 4.

Britain's quiet 'betrayal' of Tibet

From Mr J. Billington
Sir, March 10 marks the 29th anniversary of Tibet's attempt to assert its independence from Chinese communist rule. The sufferings of this peace-loving nation, which has always been ethnically, culturally, and linguistically distinct from China, the wholesale destruction of its culture, the continuing repression of its religious practice and the deliberate swamping of its population by encouraging a large-scale influx of Han Chinese, are now well known.

Religious teaching and practice is still severely restricted and controlled by the Chinese authorities. It is ironic that it was necessary for the Chinese authorities to stage-manage this year's Monlam (New Year Great Prayer Festival) in an attempt to persuade foreign tourists that religious freedom is permitted, had to resort to bribing the monks to attend a ceremony which the monks originally intended to boycott.

When the monks did attend and make their foreseeable protest against this charade, despite heavy troop reinforcements, the Chinese security forces again had to open fire on and kill unarmed monks, exactly as happened last October.

Britain's betrayal of Tibet is a matter for shame. As the one western nation with long historical ties and treaties with Tibet, we were in a position in 1959 to lead the world in recognizing Tibet's unique status. Within this last year, both the US Senate and Congress, and the German Bundestag have debated and roundly condemned Chinese suppression in Tibet. Our own Government has remained silent.

Now we learn that the Foreign Office has taken the unprecedented step of requiring the Dalai Lama, than whom no more peace-loving head of state exists, to give an undertaking that he will make no political statements during his visit next month. The reasons are obvious: we must not embarrass the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wu Xueqian, when he visits London this week, nor jeopardize our interests in Hong Kong, nor our trade relationships with China.

The survival of Tibet's unique and rich culture is an urgent moral issue. Our Government's failure to stand up for it is a disgrace.

Young Conservatives

From Mr Andrew Tinney
Sir, Your report on the Young Conservative elections (March 5) unfortunately used the term "moderate" as the current leadership of the YCs use it, implying that I am an "extremist" for standing against them.

As your readers may have read, Young Conservative leaders have consistently opposed Government policy since 1979 and given a useful platform to the parliamentary opponents of the Prime Minister. All those who support Mrs Thatcher's line are categorised as "extremist" by them, including the Prime Minister herself.

The real extremists are those who engage in electoral fraud and bring discredit on the party. No doubt the party inquiry will identify them. Yours faithfully, ANDREW TINNEY (candidate for Young Conservatives chairman), 3 Park Court, Woking, Surrey, March 7.

Ancient heritage

From Lady Bowyer-Smyth
Sir, It was with something approaching envy that I read in your paper today (February 26) the story of Southwick in Hampshire.

Here in Fordwich we are not in the fortunate position of being owned by a squire, who can refuse "municipal clutter". Fordwich is a town, one of the smallest in Britain, and was thus the owner of a town hall (now in private hands). The church is mainly 13th century. Every stone for the building of Canterbury Cathedral came up the river from Sandwich and was landed here.

This ancient heritage is being eroded at the rate of 3,000 vehicles a day, rattling and roaring down the narrow street.

Cries for mercy to the councils responsible fall on deaf ears. A squire, or even the return of the monks in charge of the quays would be preferable to our present situation.

Yours sincerely, VERONICA BOWYER-SMYTH, Stour House, Fordwich, Kent, February 26.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 10 1908

Born in Toronto Maud Allan, who died in 1966, created a sensation in London by her dancing 'The Vision of Salome'. Our critic describes her dress as daring but others who saw her would have gone rather further than that. She appeared at the Palace Theatre for eight months without a break in 1908. As an actress she appeared at the Court Theatre in 1918 as Salome in Oscar Wilde's play of that name.

PALACE THEATRE

There is little doubt that Miss Maud Allan, the dancer who appeared for the first time last night, will make a great success. If so, she will be the first to rouse London to enthusiasm with a kind of dancing to which London has never yet taken very kindly — the dancing of gesticulation and posture. Certainly, this is the best exhibition — indeed the only finished exhibition — of this kind of dancing that has been seen here for a good many years; and, as Miss Allan represents it, it is a thing of such interest and beauty that it may even drive high kicking off the stage. Good pantomime artists we have in plenty, and dancers who have mastered all the steps, and can perform these gracefully and rhythmically; but of this kind of dramatic dancing, in which the arms and hands and shoulders, the whole body, and even the face, are of equal importance with the legs and feet, we have, perhaps, a vague idea that it is "Eastern" and a little unpleasant, and so cut ourselves off from a source of great pleasure. Last night, Miss Allan performed two dances: the first was a dramatic comment, so to speak, on Rubinstein's *Valse Caprice*; the second a realisation of the dance of Salome, inspired, no doubt, by Wilde's play and Strauss's opera, but danced to the music of a modern French composer. It was clear enough during the first dance of the two that Miss Allan had not the secure and definite articulation of steps which used — among many other charms — to rouse our enthusiasm at a neighbouring house; in happy days not long gone by. This may be due partly to the fact that she dances with bare feet. It was clear, too, that not all her gestures were carried right through, some being a little finicking and some even a little cramped. At the same time, it was clear that she was a dancer of unusual grace, a pretty fancy, and a wonderful command of expression with the arms and hands. The dance was good, but hardly prepared us for the dramatic force and finished beauty of the Salome dance — a dance of many passions, the mere intonation of movement to music, allurements, exultation, rage, fear, despair, even exhaustion. Here most steps were of less account than in the value every limb and muscle of the dancer was called upon to take its part, and every movement was beautiful. There is no extravagance or sensationalism about Miss Allan's dancing; even when crouching over the head of her victim, causing it to shrink from it in horror, she subordinated every gesture and attitude to the conditions of her art. It will, perhaps, be fair to the public to say that her dress as Salome is daring; it would be very unfair to Miss Allan to say that, like her performance, it is absolutely free of offence. There is not even the feeling that she is pulling chestnuts out of the fire, so completely is she justified of her art.

BOOKS

Victoria's
maverick
daughter

Interest in Princess Louise has been revived recently by her appearance in Michaela Reid's *Ask Sir James*, Jane Robert's *Royal Artists*, and Janet Atkins Kidd's memoirs. Otherwise she is known only for her sculpture of Queen Victoria in Kensington Gardens.

This book bore many good signs: a proficient and beautiful self-portrait on the front (artistic), matched by a somewhat uncomfortable photo of a predatory elderly lady by Cecil Beaton on the back (adventurous). The list of manuscript collections consulted was frighteningly impressive. Access was granted to the Royal Archives.

Before reviewing a royal book, there is one acid test that siffs the knowledgeable from the careless. If Lord Snowdon appears in a tree or index then he must be "Antony" rather than "Anthony." Mrs Wake cleared this hurdle, but tripped on Snow-

Hugo Vickers

PRINCESS LOUISE
By Jehanne Wake
Collins, £17.50

den, two missing dates in the royal tree, one misprint, and the Queen of Spain dying in 1941, rather than 1969.

This is a long book, but it is well written and easy to read, not a book to dip into but to enjoy in a few lengthy sessions. Mrs Wake writes with a gentle elegance: it is not unlike reading a Jane Austen novel. She remains loyal to the side of her heroine, who emerges as a hater of petty convention and the instigator of many important charitable institutions and hospitals.

Mrs Wake presents a grim portrait of Queen Victoria foraging through the pages of *Burke's Peerage* for a suitable son-in-law. By marrying into



Unpublished photograph of Louise, showing right ear

the Campbells, the Princess acquired a powerful father-figure in the 8th Duke of Argyll, later on a disreputable step-mother-in-law who refused to bury him for 18 days

(an excellent passage), and several deeply unsatisfactory brothers-in-law. Her husband, the Marquess of Lorne was an MP (a situation equivalent to Mark Phillips sitting in the

House of Commons today), and the Princess was supportive without getting too involved in politics. She studied art with Edward Corbould (whose son was the lover of Stewart, Granger's mother) and sculpture with Sir Edgar Boehm who inauspiciously died in her presence.

The Princess was often the victim of malicious rumours. In Canada, *Truth* has suggested that all was not well with her marriage (as indeed it was not). The death of Boehm led to stories of impropriety, and there was a distinct hint that her relations with Sir Arthur Bigge were not entirely professional. Princess Louise is lucky that her biography was not written by Marie Mallet, her mother's lady-in-waiting. She has scarcely a good word for her.

Mrs Wake is more forthcoming about the bad behaviour of the Campbells than of the Royal Family itself. She squashes the various rumours firmly: "None of the evidence bears this out." She explains that in the sleigh accident in Canada it was only the lobe of the ear that was cut and not the whole ear lost (as in Elizabeth Longford's *Victoria RJ*). But she does not solve the mystery of the Princess writing articles under the pseudonym of Myra Fontenoy, which must now remain forever the "personal knowledge" of one Dorothy Cannell in *The Dictionary of National Biography*.

Live news from
elsewhere

POETRY

Robert Nye

COLLECTED
POEMS

By Harry Kemp
Privately printed, £15 hard-
back, £12 paperback

edition. Books of such prov-
enance are usually ignorable.
This one is not, having lines
like these entitled "Catalpa"

*The tree of heaven is the last
to leaf,
After the oak, weeks later
than may or beech.
I have watched cautiously as
pressure built
Within the steel-grey buds,
while daffodil
And white bell flower and
Like one reluctant ever to
Or improvise happiness, or
From precarious silence into
speech.*

Kemp learned from Riding a
seriousness about words and
their ways which seems to
have left him reluctant to
break his own precarious si-
lence, but the best of these
poems not only have the
necessary pressure of that
reluctance behind them, but
are themselves not unlike the
leaves of the catalpa according
to one of the citations in the
Oxford English Dictionary:
"Remarkably simple and
heart shaped". Which is to say
that here is a poet whose work,
packed with hard thought at
one with strong feeling, strikes
me as thoroughly modern in
idom, yet just as thoroughly
part of the great tradition of
English poetry in both manner
and matter.

Look again at his definition
of poetry. Did it seem
commonplace? In fact, imply-

ing as it does that poetry is not
an art, but a special mode of
knowledge, it is actually more
strange and accurate than
Matthew Arnold's moralistic
notion that poetry had better
be a "criticism of life" or
Wordsworth's somewhat im-
potent fantasy of it as "emo-
tion recollected
in tranquillity". Kemp's per-
sonal account of what it is like
to be alive comes across as
individual poems trying to
find words for states of mind
and feeling all but beyond
the verbal homes for a
homelessness of spirit which
gets comfort only from its own
profession:

*We who for what it's worth
are adept
At saying several things at
once—
Content as trees in this,
Whose manifold leaves and
branches
Ape our structured words
and thought—
Are rooted nonetheless
In singleness of heart,
Being sprung from seed our
Muse
Planted in moonlight and
laughter
And watered with her tears.*

From the casual self-appraisal
of the first two lines to the
unhumble visionary exact-
ness of the last two, with what
comes between all magical
thinking-through-metaphor,
this is surely the right real
thing—something quirky,
honest, and singular, yet said
with such grace and force that
one feels the less alone for
hearing it, and will not forget
it having heard it said. Harry
Kemp, plainly a lucky misfit
in the world of contemporary
poetry, and even luckier per-
haps to have been a slow and
late developer in that world
where poetry is more than
contemporary, deserves and
will reward the attention of all
who persist in looking to
poems for unique news of
what it is like to be alive.

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Kiwi lion

A.M. Rendel

VASILI

By Murray Elliot
Century Hutchinson, £10.95

Vasili was the pseudonym
given by patriots in Crete to a
New Zealander, Sergeant
Dudley Perkins, who was
recommended by two senior
British officers for a posthu-
mous VC. Lovers of that
romantic island, and in
particular anyone who can
remember its violent wartime
history, will appreciate this
memoir of Vasili's adventures
and heroic end. Murray El-
liott, himself a New Zea-
lander, has spent many
months retracing Perkins's
footsteps from one mountain
hideout to another, and has
interviewed scores of Cretan
villagers and headmen.

Perkins's war service in-
cluded some desert fighting;
the abortive campaign in
Greece; the Battle of Crete;
and then about a year as an

escaped prisoner-of-war living
off the land with Cretan help.
Eventually he escaped to Cairo
in a Greek submarine, and
volunteered to return to Crete
as a special agent. He has
become a legend.

Readers should not be re-
pelled by the subtitle—"The
Lion of Crete". Cretans in
loyal devotion have at times
called Perkins that, but he
himself was the last person on
earth to roar—a quiet, modest
man, self-effacing to the point
of taciturnity except when
making friends with villagers.

Tintintears

Martin Spence

HERGÉ & TINTIN
REPORTERS
By Philippe Goddin
Sundancer, £25



Boy clown who never fades

The lifesize statue of Tintin
stands today, as it has stood
for a decade, in the
Wolvendael Park in Brussels:
the object of pilgrimage for
thousands. The reporter who
never reports stands hands in
pockets. His plus-fours match
their originals, but the ele-
phant-ear collar and suede
slip-ons are the sculptor's gift.
The nose has a touch of comic
relief, the expression is know-
ing, almost sarcastic. The
eyebrows are raised, but not in
astonished innocence. In half
a century, only the loss of his
dear friend Chang in the high
Himalayas brings tears to
Tintin's eyes. This clown
would never cry.

Although Hergé remained
to the last ambivalent about it,
he recognized the embalming
of Tintin as inevitable; and in
the final album, *Tintin et
l'Alph-Art*, he is left to become
a polyester sculpture. This
colour-packed new piece of
Tintiniana—the first to
appear in English—reminds
me of the magpie's nest in *The
Castaflore Emerald*: full of
intriguing bits and bobs, but
lacking the emerald Tintin
found there. The pictures
delight. The text is interesting
but unconnected. The transla-
tion is an adventure in itself.

There is new light on the
foundation of the Studios
Hergé, his work-methods and
use of stereotypes. But gen-
erally, Tintinologists are left to
wander happily in a kaleido-
scopic maze of visual ma-
terial. The empty tin of crab
meat that held opium, a scale
model of Marlinspike, a pastel
of the first Madame Hergé, the
1979 Tintin stamp, early
palimpsests of the art that
anticipated Warhol and
Lichtenstein by 30 years.
Tintinologists will need sign-
posts. Tintinologists will still
ask the questions they have
asked for years.

Was Tintin a scout? Why

did an indexed extract from
Voltaire's *Zadig* appear in the
first issue of the fervently pro-
Christian *Tintin* magazine?
Why did Tintin's nose shrink
between 1930 and 1931?

For the answers to these
questions we must await the
publication of the first docu-
mental thesis, the *Juvenilia*, and
the Complete Correspondence
(already in the press). Mean-
while, the rainswept statue
still stands in Wolvendael
Park and Tintin sheds tears of
a kind. As Hergé once said,
you would spot Snowy instan-
taneously, even if he was dressed
as a clergyman, but here in the
park it's harder. He has turned
his back on his bronze master
and seems to have choked on
his bone. His damp nose has
been eroded by the constant
stroking of children. But even
from 100 yards away, there is
one sign you cannot fail to
notice the procession of local
dogs making their own pil-
grimage to the plinth to lift
their legs at his in silent
tribute.

Richard Holme
of the rag-and-
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BOOKS

Comedy, exile, cunning

Richard Holmes reviews the biography of the poet and playwright of the rag-and-bone-shop of the human heart, and Old Mother Ireland

Despite its emerald subject — your daorlin' man O'Casey, author of *Junos* and the *Playcock* and other dandy dramas — this is not a celebration of a Stage Irishman. It is something far richer, funnier, and more serious: a study of comic genius going into spiritual exile. (Or as Captain Jack Boyle used to say: "a terrible state o' chassiss"). It is written with tenderness and great technical skill by a one-time director at the Royal Shakespeare Company, who has already produced a mastery portrait of Ralph Richardson, and who now moves on to the wider historical canvas with notable assurance.

Unlike Joyce or Shaw, Sean O'Casey (1880-1964) came to exile late, in his mid-forties, having already written the superb Dublin trilogy for the Abbey Theatre, which brought him international celebrity. The roots of his inspiration always lay in the dancing language and harsh hilarity of the Dublin tenements. His best plays crowd together poetic and political idealism, with an earthy, comic realism, constantly in explosive tension and combat. (Beckett called him "the dynamiter"). As Rosie, the sharp-eyed street-lady of *The Plough* and *The Stars*, observes of the rebels of the Easter Rising: "You'd think they were the glorious company of the saints, an' the noble army of martyrs trampin' through the streets of paradise. They're all thinkin' of higher things than a girl's garters."

In 1928, O'Casey broke with the Abbey's management, during a notorious public dispute with W.B. Yeats, over his Expressionist drama of the Great War, *The Silver Tassie* (Tankard). This is brilliantly analysed by O'Connor, with vivid understanding of both the

SEAN O'CASEY
A LIFE
By Garry O'Connor
Hodder & Stoughton, £17.95

stagecraft and the personalities at issue. From then on O'Casey's work became increasingly experimental, rhetorical, and diffuse, and though widely produced in America and Eastern Europe, he was essentially a dramatist without a theatre. He settled in England (eventually in Devon), married, espoused Communism, and poured much of his invention into the half-million words of his rhapsodic *Autobiographies* (1939-1954). These glowingly recreate his youth to suit his own cloth-capped image, liberally falsifying dates and incidents, and settling old scores with his family and critics. He refused all honours (whether a Trinity College doctorate, or a visit to Uncle Joe's Russia), and constantly engaged in furious polemic — some of which he collected in the aptly titled, *The Flying Wasp*, and the posthumous *Blasts and Benedictions*.

In old age he exchanged the symbolic trenchcoat and cap, for a turtle-neck sweater and tasseled beanie, acting out the part of the lovable, cantankerous, Irish "saint and gunman". Shortly before his death he was candidate for the Nobel Prize.

Garry O'Connor explores these colourful, contradictory materials with intelligence and sensitivity. The Dublin childhood dominated by O'Casey's Protestant mother (he lived with her until the age of 38), is taken far back behind the shimmering curtain of the *Autobiographies*. We find a short-sighted youth who was also an expert hurler (rumoured to have



downed a sparrow in mid-flight); a political secretary of the Irish Citizen Army who stayed quietly at home for Easter 1916; a poet of the tenements who largely lived in a respectable terraced house. The many humorous sources for his art are unforgettable. O'Casey founded

the pipe band of the St Lawrence O'Toole Club, and was arrested for playing "The Peeler and the Goat" ("the ballad of a goat arrested for high treason") outside the church of St Mary's. He successfully pleaded his innocence on the grounds that he was baptized there.

O'Connor shows the complexity of the later process of self-exile. He argues convincingly that O'Casey's ideology was first formed by a series of father-figures against whom he could fruitfully react: Farnell, the union leader, Jim Larkin, and Yeats. But finally it

was GBS — an unquestioned authority — who encouraged him into the desert of polemics, isolating his drama from his realist roots. When O'Casey married his beautiful, Irish actress wife, Eileen, he was faced by the subtle danger of domestic happiness in England robbing him of "the genuine comic pathos of isolation". In the deep and uneasy friendship that formed with his English publisher, Harold Macmillan, O'Connor suggests a fatal diplomatic lack of editorial guidance, which did not dare to question the torrential memories and acrid *ad hominem* disputes, "except for a few commas".

The final alienation was one of self-caricature. "He now wore outwardly, like a coat of armour, his disillusionment." He learned to control his public persona, "so the art — or as it became increasingly, the art of controversy — grew more abstract, rhetorical, or simply combative, like a hurling match."

Yet even in this there was a kind of comic glory. "For the character O'Casey designed for himself became real and inhabitable — much greater, perhaps, in scope, dimension, humour and sadness, than any of the great stage characters he carved out of his Dublin upbringing."

It is the measure of this biography that Sean O'Casey does indeed emerge at last as a noble myth-maker, a man of strength and kindness. Garry O'Connor lifts his human contradiction, his "paradox", towards a universal predicament — an exile which still speaks to a world-wide audience — and makes the dramatist's tenement a permanent symbol of the rag-and-bone shop of the human heart. In one of his finest biographic images, he writes: "O'Casey kept his tenement room intact, carrying it everywhere with him. From now on it became his study. Perhaps this single room, in which he always kept a made-up bed, remained the true home of his heart, in which he still lived with his mother; but now enclosed securely in a house of his own, with a wife and family." And also, to be sure, with old Mother Ireland.

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Grand public orator

Richard Cobb

HISTORY AND HOPE
Collected Essays
By C.V. Wedgwood
Collins, £17.50

Of the 44 essays, lectures, articles, and reviews that form the present volume, under its somewhat sphinx-like title, nearly half date from the 1940s, of which 15 are from the war years (and, it should be said, often still showing it, both as *pieces de circonstance* designed to draw an immediate lesson, and in their breathlessness of style). 14 are from the 1950s, seven from the 1960s, and only two from the 1970s. Once safety into the Fifties, the essays become more solid, less urgent, and less given to preaching.

In many of her longer pieces, Dame Veronica displays an unrivalled ability to use literary sources and to draw on them in order to illustrate social history. Indeed, this is perhaps her principal strength — along with her readability — as a historian who can address herself in simple and compelling terms to the public.

For my own taste at least there is rather a surplus of Grand People and Great Authors. It is as if she had adopted the role of a sort of historical Public Orator. Dame Veronica tends to be sentimental on the subject of France, especially during the Occupation years. The volume could have done with pruning. There are rather too many Grand Occasions, and, in many of the wartime pieces, we can pick out, albeit faintly, but with that same breathless heartiness, the voices of British Way & Purpose, ABCA, of the MOI, and of the underground areas of Bush House. Like Dame Veronica, I got heavily sick of the Common Man a great many years ago. Why then does she have to go on dragging in the unlovely creature?

In one's own interest, as well as in that of one's potential readers, one should make a rule of never republishing one's wartime propaganda pieces. Her editors would have done Miss Wedgwood a service if they had eliminated from the present collection many of the thoughts on the general and much reiterated theme of "Where German History Went Wrong". Still, the present volume is a reminder of how well Dame Veronica can write, especially when she is concerned with 17th-century Europe and 17th-century England.

Camera ergo sum

FICTION

Philip Howard

OUT OF THIS WORLD

By Graham Swift

Viking, £10.95

THE WESTERN LANDS

By William S. Burroughs

Picador, £10.95

cry of the terrible past is as tense as a thriller.

Harry's father was a war hero and a munitions manufacturer. Harry has defected from the family business to become a neutral witness, a floating pair of eyes. He has spent his life recording "news", from the awful banality of the Nuremberg defendants to the everyday violence of Vietnam and Belfast, until the day when he chucks it in as a photographer, because he finds himself on the wrong side of the lens, as the focus of the clicking and whirring of the voyeur-snappers.

Which is worse: to have to look at piles of corpses, or to

take photographs of people looking at piles of corpses? The Royal Naval task force leaves for the Falklands campaign, which is organized so as to be the TV and media event of the year. Why do we have this compulsion to see reality only through the lens and the telly? Why do we click our cameras urgently, desperately, as a substitute for standing and staring? Are we trying to possess something (celebrity, excitement, truth) that does not belong to us?

This is a powerful and exciting book that raises uncomfortable political questions. The scenes on the New York psychiatrist's couch are unpersuasive for those who have never lain down on one. I have seen the cemeteries of the hairy Aims, and a great deal of other assorted necrophilia and gruesome matter, in *The Western Lands* of Burroughs, who is a part shaman, part sham, though the proportion that qualifies for Freud's Corner is a matter of taste. William Burroughs has a predilection for metaphysical whimsy like Robertson Davies, but without the Magus's intellectual rigour. This purports to be his Book

of the Dead, drawing upon ancient Egyptian mythology for its symbolic structure. It hopes for the best and forwards without warning between Ancient Egypt, modern Chelsea, and points east and west, while Joe the Dead, the scribe Nefertiti, Hassan i Sabbah, and an old writer silenced by the celebrity of his notorious first book 30 years ago pursue their quest. *The Western Lands* of the title refer to the final state to which, apparently, the souls of the dead must travel if they are to find true immortality.

The text includes frequent drop caps, and hieroglyphs at the start of each chapter; obtrusive design in print usually indicates lack of confidence in the power of the written word. Burroughs displays a criticism with passages about the negative anti-writing of book reviewers, who out of malevolence or stupidity use words to destroy instead of create images. There is a scandalous eruption of images in this book, some of them hideous enough to make Hieronymus Bosch throw up. It is all very imaginative, rum and coke, and I don't think I mean Coca Cola.

Immortal or posthumous sculpture

Sanda Miller

BRANCUSI

By Pontus Hulten, Natalia Dumitresco, & Alexandre Istrati

Faber, £60



Study for *Millie Pogany*, 1920

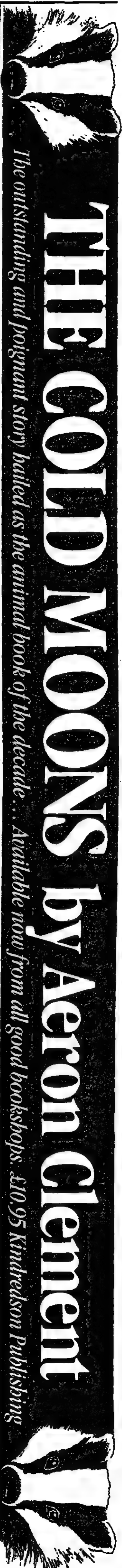
There is more to the story: having won a hard fought lawsuit against the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Brancusi's *Legataires universels* have been enriching the market with posthumous bronze reproductions, duly listed in the catalogue section of the book: two bronzes of the "New Born"; three bronzes of the "Golden Bird"; a large number of bronzes from the numerous versions of the "Bird in Space".... the list goes on. The complications introduced by the practice of using reproductive processes such as *surmoulages*, enlargement in size, change to another medium, but above all the ethical, aesthetic, art historical — not forgetting commercial — implications in deciding whether such a work can really

mostly on the archives, enlivened by apocryphal stories, followed by an exhaustive, fully illustrated catalogue. Notwithstanding the joy of suddenly being able to read, for example, the correspondence between Brancusi and such personalities as Jean Cocteau, Tristan Tzara, Erik Satie, but above all Brancusi's close friend and at one time dealer, Marcel Duchamp, the text makes arid reading. Although its importance to any serious Brancusi researcher is vast, *Brancusi* remains strictly a reference book; the essential one.

Visually it is a feast: exquisite photographs of Brancusi's works complemented by reproductions of his own photographs — for he was a superb photographer as you can see from his 1,200 original photographs in the archives of the Centre Pompidou. Leaving aside aesthetics, they constitute priceless documentary material. Finally, there are a number of facsimile fragments, possibly from personal letters, a secret diary, modest scraps of paper perhaps — we are not told. In the book these are reproduced as vignettes which are windows (made even more touching by Brancusi's terrible French spelling) opened into the soul of one of the greatest artists of our times: Constantin Brancusi.

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HEALTH

Offering a slim chance

Cosmetic surgery has made it possible for us to shape up by moving fat around the body, Liz Hodgkinson reports. But there are still doubts about how long the improvement lasts

As they get older, most women find that fat accumulates round hips, thighs, upper arms and underneath the chin at the same time as it disappears from breasts, hands, cheeks and calves. Men tend to develop beer bellies and double chins while their faces become cadaverous. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could take fat from one part of the body where you did not want it and transplant it to another area where you did?

Now some cosmetic surgeons say they are able to do just that with a new procedure called fat transplantation, which was developed in America and is now available here. The process has been made possible by the technique of liposuction, which became generally available here about five years ago. In liposuction a cannula (narrow tube) is inserted just beneath the skin to suck out fat cells from areas resistant to all dieting and exercise — usually the thighs, buttocks, under the chin or the tops of arms. Cosmetic surgeons wonder if the unwanted fat cells could be injected into other areas to plump them out. So they tried it, and it seemed to work.

Dr Alan Kingdon, a cosmetic surgeon who has performed many hundreds of liposuction operations, will now be carrying out fat transplantation as part of his work at The Harley Medical Group. "Now, thanks to the suction technique, it is a simple, minor operation," he says.

"We can use it to take up to four pounds of excess fat from problem areas, and there is no risk or trauma. The fat is removed permanently, although it should only be used when all other methods have been tried and failed."

"Fat transplantation grew directly out of liposuction. It was found in some cases that too much fat had been removed and instead of a smooth line, there were dips and dimples. So surgeons tried putting some of the fat back — and found that it worked."

Fat removal and transplantation have to be performed in the same operations, as the cells live for only a few hours once outside the body. Although Kingdon describes it as a "minor operation", it requires a general anaesthetic and a day or two in hospital. There will usually be some bruising and swelling afterwards, which will take about two weeks to go down. And the standard liposuction operation is by no means a minor procedure.

According to the author Brownwen Meredith, whose book *A Change for*

the Better: *The Essential Guide to Plastic Surgery* is published today, about six weeks' recuperation is needed before the body is back to normal. "If large fat deposits are removed," she says, "there's an empty space between skin and underlying layers of muscle. To make sure this space doesn't fill up with blood or fluid, an elastic corset has to be worn."

"This helps reduce swelling and bruising and allows the skin to become attached to the muscles beneath." Bandages have to stay on for three weeks and the patient has to rest at home for a fortnight. When the operation is performed on the buttocks or thighs, walking can be difficult for about a month.

Some surgeons do not recommend liposuction for women aged over 35 because their skin might have lost much of its elasticity and remain puckered. A smoother outline in tight-fitting skirts and trousers might be achievable but the sight in a swimming costume may be less than aesthetic and liposuction does not get rid of cellulite. If all that is required is fat to transfer to another area of the body, these puckers and problems do not exist, simply because the amount of fat

around 50 per cent of the fat cells are lost, which means that huge amounts would have to be taken from the thighs. It can be dangerous and extremely traumatic to remove more than four pounds of fat at a time.

"The other reason is that transplanted fat can easily be confused on a mammogram with an early tumour, and lead to a false diagnosis of malignancy. This is the main reason why we don't do it."

He feels that at present, plumping up and rejuvenation of hands is the most exciting breakthrough. "As people get older, they lose fat underneath the skin. With this technique you can insert cannula into the wrist, and insert the fat. It then spreads round the back of the hand of its own accord, and stays there, merging with the fat cells already present."

Like most cosmetic surgeons, Kingdon is coy on costs. But while liposuction costs around £2,000, the operation to re-inject fat will be "in the hundreds" — perhaps £300 to £400 for a hand rejuvenation. He says his is the only clinic in the UK performing fat transplantation, but he expects it to become a standard treatment in a very short time. He is satisfied that it is free from unwanted complications. But patients are asked to come back three months after the initial operation to make sure the transplant has been effective. And nobody knows how long the new fat cells will last, as the operation is so new.

Christopher Margrave, a surgeon who performs cosmetic operations on the NHS at a London teaching hospital, and author of *Cosmetic Surgery: Facing the Facts*, is less enthusiastic about fat transfer. "The indications from American journals say that, although the results look very good initially, they don't last and the new fat disappears within three to six months. Although liposuction is successful, I'm not sure that fat injection has stood the test of time. Before patients start queuing up for this operation, I think this needs far more evaluation."

Brownwen Meredith has not yet researched fat transfer, but believes that liposuction works well. She is, however, unhappy about the continuing difficulty of knowing how to find a good cosmetic surgeon. "The good ones are wonderful. But it's so easy to get butchered. The usual advice is to go to your doctor, although many GPs know nothing about cosmetic operations. All that people can do is to look in newspapers and magazines for advertisements, and contact the



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clinics direct. They have no way of knowing anything about the surgeon who performs the operations.

"I asked the British Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons to give me a list of accredited doctors, who could be trusted. They wouldn't. In every other country it's possible to obtain such a list."

Mr Timothy Milward president of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, says that they have prepared a list that will be sent to 30,000 GPs in the country in the next two months. "It is true that if you look someone up in the phone book, or contact a clinic, you have

no idea whether they are properly qualified to carry out cosmetic procedures. This is why we are preparing the list but I believe that there are lots of GPs who are not really all that interested in cosmetic surgery and that is why they do not help the patients."

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A Change for the Better: The Essential Guide to Cosmetic Surgery by Brownwen Meredith, published by Grafton (£6.95)

Cosmetic Surgery: Facing the Facts by Christopher Margrave, published by Penguin (£3.95)

A haze over the smoker

SECOND OPINION

Alfred Browne

A year ago Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, made headlines over something dear to her heart — the dangers, real or assumed, of other people's tobacco smoke. Calling on the backing of a soon-to-be published report she condemned it as a major health hazard. A year later, we still have not seen that report.

A few years ago I, a non-smoking medical journalist, saw in a medical journal a Japanese survey which suggested non-smoking wives were dying of lung cancer and other diseases from breathing smoke from their husbands' cigarettes.

The story I wrote went round the world, the start of public consciousness of ETS (Environmental Tobacco Smoke) or "passive smoking". I was a bit dubious about some points, such as that breathing other people's smoke was the equivalent of smoking five cigarettes a day, but it was not for me to criticize a survey accepted by a medical journal.

The present fuss led me to look at the matter again, thinking there must have been a great deal more research. There had, almost 500 scientific papers which have been reviewed by the US National Research Council. There are no firm conclusions — it is not known precisely how tobacco smoke causes disease and everything depends on epidemiology, comparisons of people who have or have not suffered from diseases.

Nor can we measure the amount of smoke to which a non-smoker is exposed. Nicotine in blood, urine and saliva probably comes from ETS but is no guide to other tobacco ingredients reaching the lungs. In non-smokers it is mainly absorbed in the mouth.

The US review found ETS had no significant effect on heart rate or blood pressure. Chest diseases seem more plausible. Any smoke makes us cough. However, the National Research Council concluded it is not possible to single out one of the many insults modern living inflicts on our lungs. A new factor is radon, the radioactive gas which seeps from the ground and has been strongly linked to lung cancer.

On children the NRC was more forthright. There is strong evidence, it states, that smokers' children have more bronchitis and pneumonia in the first year of life. It would

be prudent not to smoke near small children.

But does ETS cause lung cancer? The American review shows that some studies found non-smoking wives or husbands of smoking spouses ran an increased risk, some found no change, some even found a reduced risk. Just six of 23 groups studied showed a definite risk. The National Research Council decided to add all the results together. Some feel that stretching epidemiology beyond true science, one cannot possibly be comparing like with like. But it appears to be the method used for Mrs Currie's estimate of a 30 per cent increased risk — the NRC found 34 per cent.

Of course, if something in cigarette smoke harms smokers then, plausibly, it could harm non-smokers. A team at the Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton, Surrey, found passive smoking produces in the body less than one per cent of a nicotine by-product found in smokers.

If smoking increases the risk of lung cancer tenfold, as believed, passive smoking would raise the risk by less than 10 per cent if the risk rose steadily with the amount smoked. Most authorities believe the risk grows faster the heavier one smokes. The Sutton study, of 13,000 people lasting over five years and covering all aspects of passive smoking, found ETS had no significant effect on bronchitis, heart disease and stroke. There was, if anything, a slight drop in lung cancer. Their verdict was that the effect of passive smoking on lung cancer and other smoking-associated diseases was "at most quite small if it exists".

Many of us will, of course, still object to smoky atmospheres in the office, blaming it for headaches, nausea, sore eyes and so on. The smell of tobacco can be unpleasant for the non-smoker and it is very hard to remove from the atmosphere. But investigations of "sick building syndrome", found 95 per cent of complaints were due to less noticeable pollutants, such as spores and microbes, unseen and unsuspected. We still can't write QED for ETS.

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More than mere nerves?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

In the 1930s doctors Cameron, Finlay and even their more sophisticated contemporaries beyond Tannochbrae used to reassure the anxious, emotional girl that the lower abdominal pain plaguing her life was due to pelvic venous congestion. After a few soothing words and a nerve tonic, the patient would leave the surgery and Dr Cameron would take the opportunity to lecture young Finlay on sexual frustration as a cause of pelvic pain.

His reasoning was the wrong way round: pelvic venous congestion is not caused by sexual frustration but causes it. Sexual excitement makes the pain from it very much worse, so women quickly learn to dread it and avoid sexual activity.

Recently research workers at St Mary's Hospital, London have devised means, described in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, of measuring the amount of venous congestion in a woman's pelvic circulation. Professor Richard Beard and his senior registrar, Mr Philip Reginald, have used ultrasonography to estimate the venous engorgement by measuring the thickness of the uterine lining (the endometrium), the size of the ovaries and the state of the pelvic veins. Their conclusions can be confirmed, and recorded with X-rays, by injecting a radio-opaque dye into the uterine muscle. The dye drains into the

pelvic veins and in the normal person is lost in the general circulation within 40 seconds, but in the patient suffering from venous congestion the twisted, dilated plexus of pelvic veins hold the dye for up to five minutes.

Beard says that venous congestion is often overlooked as a cause of chronic abdominal pain; a doctor's first thoughts are of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), endometriosis, or irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). It was essential, in his view, to exclude these diagnoses, usually by a laparoscopy, together with more serious pelvic disease, but he has found that attributing the pain of venous congestion to PID can greatly increase the misery of a woman who often is already emotionally upset. A diagnosis of PID, as it is often due to sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia or gonorrhoea, carries with it the hint of promiscuity, together with the fear of infertility. Fifty per cent of the cases of pelvic venous

congestion investigated by Beard and Reginald had been told mistakenly that they had PID; many had been very upset by the diagnosis.

There are some differences between the pain of PID and pelvic congestion. Characteristically the latter is a dull ache made rather worse by menstruation and exercise and eased by rest. Patients with pelvic venous congestion experience a deep pain in their lower abdomen during sexual intercourse, and also so-called post coital pain which can come on up to 24 hours after intercourse. This ranges from a severe ache to an excruciating pain; unfortunately the greater the intensity of the previous orgasm, the greater the subsequent pain.

Beard finds pelvic venous congestion to be a truly psychosomatic complaint; there is little doubt that most women who suffer from it have highly-strung temperaments, but equally little doubt that 56 per cent have the physical signs of polycystic ovaries, engorged endometria and enlarged pelvic veins. The cause of these signs is probably ovarian over-activity resulting from changes in the levels of hormones produced by the pituitary gland, itself influenced by emotion. Treatment is by suppressing, for a time, ovarian activity, in combination with psychotherapy.

Not a wink

It is reported that, until recently, Mrs Carpenter of Exeter had not had a full night's sleep since the birth of her eldest son eight years ago. Her three sons are hyperactive — insomnia, so there is no peace in the Carpenter household because the boys simply do not rest.

Whereas in most families there is a welcome hush after the children's bedtime, the parents of an overactive child are never able to enjoy a quiet drink together, an undisturbed family supper or a dinner party with friends, let alone a night's sleep. Hyperactivity usually involves constant agitated movement and activity during the day as well as sleepless nights. It is hard to categorize as the child's behaviour, which in some families would be considered acceptable, would in others be regarded as abnormal.

Many hyperactive children are exceptionally bright, but others cluster around the bottom end of the intellectual scale and some are obviously sub-normal. The causes of hyperactivity are legion; the child may have been brain

damaged at birth, have inherited a familial neurological disorder, be emotionally deprived and therefore attention-seeking, or may just be showing to an exaggerated degree a genetic trait. Whatever the cause, expert advice should be sought. Small changes in the child's regime occasionally revolutionize life for the family. If no improvement occurs, parents can console themselves that it is usually only a stage between the ages of two and four which the child will outgrow — although some sub-normal children remain hyperactive for much longer.

Rubbing it in

Continental medicine has always favoured unusual methods of taking drugs. Hormone creams, which are still popular in France, can cause unexpected side-effects in a patient's spouse. Four doctors in Rouen have written to *The Lancet* describing the troubles which can arise when somebody shares a bed with a patient using a hormone-impregnated cream.

One man whose wife had been prescribed an oestrogen

skin cream started to develop breasts. Another man, not satisfied with the anatomy provided by nature, used a testosterone-impregnated cream. It is not recorded whether his stature improved but his wife began to grow a beard.

In Britain doctors usually prescribe tablets, although it is now becoming acceptable to use impregnated patches applied to the skin which allow the patient to absorb a metered dose slowly.

Expiry date

An unfeeling politician's quip that there is death where there is hope explains why an MP's health is important to aspiring candidates or, once in Parliament, to those who seek promotion. The three obvious indicators of cardio-vascular disease, which they should watch may not always be apparent. Smoking is obvious, but high blood pressure may not show, for it is a myth that hypertensive people are necessarily red-faced, overweight and quick to anger. The third risk factor, a raised serum cholesterol, can only be confirmed with a blood test, but there are two give-away signs. Patients with

severe hyperlipidaemia sometimes have collections of fat, like smudges of margarine, in the skin around the eye; these tokens that the patient has at least a three-fold increased chance of a sudden heart attack. The other sign is the presence of a white rim around the iris of the eye, an arcus senilis, so-called because most older people have one.

But ambitious politicians might do better to study their rivals' antecedents. Even when the risk of hypertension, smoking and a raised cholesterol are combined, they still do not equal the danger of having had a parent, brother or sister who has died from cardio-vascular disease under the age of 55. At new laboratories at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, Professor Antonio Maseri and his team will investigate the relative importance between hereditary and environmental causes of cardio-vascular disease, and study which abnormalities in the clotting system are inherited, as well as the inheritance pattern of hyperlipidaemia. Maseri advises people with a worrying family history to avoid the known risk factors — something which is even more crucial for them than for the rest of the population.

Fairly played

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THE ARTS

Fairly played

The distinguished former editor of *The Times*, William Rees-Musges, was prompted last week by the BBC's play *Airline* to lambast BBC drama for "the repetitive character and extreme views of its propaganda". Unfortunately, his attack ignored important philosophical and aesthetic questions about "bias" in drama, as opposed to

If he had considered more television plays he might have found food for more subtle thought. Last night the private sector offered two very different examples of what could be said to be "anti-Thatcherite" drama. *Enigma*, a *Winner* by Barry Piller, the last in Channel Four's *Tickets for the Titanic* series, was a direct critique of the present Conservative Party economic philosophy of privatization

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and small business enterprise, but duty the humourless or totalitarian would have wished it harnessed because of its blatant political "bias".

Though rather laboured in its simplicities, the satirical burlesque was bolstered by a strong cast, with Jonathan Pryce as a long-haired vicar and Anna Carteret as his wife, trying to make their "caring services" cost effective, while their entrepreneurial children shock them with their precocious private enterprises. Though it made no attempt at "political balance", it would be absurd to describe it as propaganda, because drama does not succeed or fail according to the rules of current affairs programme *Fair Play*.

Meanwhile *The Fear* (ITV) continues to offer a much less overt "political" view, by making its gangsters wide-boy mutants of yuppie enterprise culture. Both works, however, reflect more complex influences than that of any supposed conspiratorial group of propagandists, not least various long standing cultural traditions which still make it easier, in Britain at least, to criticise materialism dramatically than to defend it.

Andrew Hislop

Never mind the plot

CINEMA

Someone to Watch Over Me (18)
Leicester Square Theatre

Orphans (15)
Cannons Haymarket and Chelsea

The Big Parade
ICA

No End (18)
Renoir

The thriller is back in fashion, though there are subtle changes in the form. In the older styles of Hitchcock and film noir, a large part of the attraction lay in the ingenuity of the plotting. Today, more often than not, the challenge for the director is to distract the audience from narrative inconsequences and improbabilities, with which contemporary thriller writers seem unconcerned.

In *Someone to Watch Over Me*, for instance, the writer Howard Franklin, having stumbled over a number of plot holes in the plot, contrives a sci-piece dénouement which makes little or no narrative sense, if you actually think about it; but the skill of Ridley Scott's direction is to make the incidents so fast and suspenseful that you do not think about it.

Scott's glossy, nervous style, constantly startling the eye with dramatic compositions and unexpected colours, suits the thriller more happily than the more pretentious themes of his earlier films. The streets of New York become a strange netherworld, obscured by the mysterious clouds of steam that pour out of the pavements; the interiors are the future-fiction world of Manhattan galleries and designer-magazine apartments.

The sub-text to the thriller story is the pervasive American obsession with class. A working class cop (Tom Berenger, no less excellent in a lighter and more glamorous role than in *Platoon*) is set to body-guard a beautiful socialite who has witnessed a murder.

Having improved his taste in clothes, the lady falls for the handsome brute, and temporarily seduces him from his Bronx wife and child, with a taste of the Madison Avenue



Policeman becomes hostage: Andreas Katsulas threatens to kill Tom Berenger

life. Hollywood traditionally favours the social status quo, of course, and accordingly the happy end sees everyone returning contented to his appointed station in life.

Alan Pakula transfers Lyle Kessler's stage play *Orphans*, complete with its two acts and three characters, almost unchanged to the screen. The few excursions to locations only serve to emphasize the claustrophobia of the house where the principal action takes place.

Two strange brothers live in a derelict house on the outskirts of New Jersey (as it appears in the film, the horror-movie mansion looks an unsuitably valuable piece of real estate). Treat (Matthew Modine), a violent psychopath who spends his time mugging and thieving in the city, maintains his power over his picturesquely crazy brother Phillip (Kevin Anderson) by convincing him that he will be sickened and die of allergy if he ever ventures out of the house.

Everything changes when Treat brings home Harold (Albert Finney), a hard-drinking old gangster, intending to rob him and hold him for ransom. Instead Harold serenely takes the lives

of the boys in hand, taming Treat to serve him and emancipating Phillip from his brother's domination.

The piece exists for the performance, each in its own way engaging: Finney, snaky within his bluff and bulky outer presence; Modine, a marvellously sinister and mercurial personality; and Kevin Anderson (who created the role in the original stage production) touchingly intimating, by flashes, the private world that Phillip inhabits.

The group of Chinese film-makers now in their thirties and identified as "The Fifth Generation" are proving to be formidable talents. *The Big Parade* is directed by Chen Kaige, whose first film was *Yellow Earth*, and was photographed by Zhang Yimou, who has just won the Berlin Grand Prix with his own debut film, *Red Sorghum*.

The Big Parade has to be judged after changes unwillingly made under pressure from the Chinese Army. It follows a familiar and fairly universal formula: the record of a group of young recruits undergoing gruelling military training and a selective elimination process, in preparation

for the culminating show — in this case Peking's National Day parade.

Formally it is a *tour de force*. Filmed in a subdued, bleached-out range of khaki, sepia, white and blue, with occasional explosions of red, it alternates between wide, formal shots of the parades and exercises and ranked barrack bunkers, and tight, dynamically edited, constantly moving shots of less formal sides of the soldiers' life. In following the fortunes of six soldiers, it adopts a soap-opera structure, but with rich characterization.

Attractive and humanly identifiable though the boys are, western audiences might have some difficulty with the extreme sentimentality which seems a part of Chinese temperament. At the same time they are likely to miss the metaphorical subtleties of the film's examination, through the varied experiences and reactions of the different characters, of the relationship of the individual to the social community in changing Red China.

Despite the martial law era, Polish film-makers very swiftly resumed their critical commentary on the political and social health of the nation. Krzysztof Kieslowski's *No End*, made in 1984 but not released until 1986 (its difficulties were precisely contemporary with those of *The Big Parade*), is uncompromising in its reflections on the attitudes and perils of the period after the suppression of Solidarity.

The form of the film is unusual: the events are observed by the ghost of a young lawyer, who informs us at the outset that he died four days before all this began. He is played by Jerzy Radziwiliowicz, a striking hero of *Wajda's Man of Marble* and *Man of Iron*. His widow takes up her husband's last cause: the defence of a young man charged with leading an illegal strike. The case becomes a battle between the two defence lawyers, a world-weary old man whose concern is to free his client, whatever the compromises, and his idealistic young assistant, who wants to see the striker in the role of exemplary martyr to the cause.

There are no real villains — only compromisers and cowards and people looking for the most comfortable way out. The trouble is with the times; and Kieslowski subtly builds up the atmosphere of a weary, *fin-de-siècle* hopelessness, an era which promises no end. The only possibility of future optimism is with the dead hero's young son, and the light reflected on his face as he gazes, rapt, at hundreds of All Saints' Day candles burning before the memorial to (presumably) the Gdansk martyrs.

David Robinson



Barking Mother: Felicity Kendal busily being efficient

Going nowhere

THEATRE

Hapgood
Aldwych

The arrival of Tom Stoppard's first play since *The Real Thing* five years ago is the theatrical equivalent of the launch of a new British car.

The product of long thought and hefty investment, involving leading members of the previously successful team (direction by Peter Wood, lead performances by Felicity Kendal and Roger Rees), it glides into public view as a high precision vehicle crammed with advanced accessories and all set to annex the local carriage trade and move on to the conquest of foreign markets. On the evidence of last night's performance, though, it does not appear to be going anywhere.

Hapgood is a spy thriller of a complexity that reduces Len Deighton and John le Carré to the narrative simplicity of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Its eponymous heroine runs a British intelligence network, mainly engaged in feeding disinformation to the KGB. That is one of the few plot details one can state with some measure of confidence.

Hapgood's principal tool, a defuncting Russian physicist (Kerner) may or may not be a double agent and the father of her little boy. Kerner's work may or may not have military value.

Perhaps there is some other mole in the organization, as Russia has profited rather too much from the desk; and perhaps Hapgood's gentlemanly ruthless colleague Blair has been up to some clandestine manoeuvres of his own. If you are already lost, I have succeeded in conveying the flavour of the piece.

In the early scenes, mystification is itself a source of considerable pleasure. They depict a tiling operation, enacted with animated London street maps and amplified radio messages. Played without dialogue to a brisk Bach accompaniment this comes over as a beautifully timed espionage ballet. *Hapgood* is then discovered masterminding operations from her office, and any hope of

clarifying the mystery is speedily dispelled by fusillades of encoded telegraphese.

Where the dialogue does start making sense is to the following Regent's Park scene where Kerner, lowering his voice from the listening giraffes, informs Blair that "objective reality is for zoologists".

It is not a concept that makes much sense to the physicist; and Kerner embarks on an eloquent recap of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, and the interchangeability of waves and particles, during which it becomes apparent that he is using this as a metaphor for espionage. A double agent may turn into a triple agent just as a table can become a fountain of electrons.

Further study of this byzantine work may reveal unsuspected profundities, but on first acquaintance it seems that the main function of the narrative puzzles is to throw a smoke-screen around an underlying fable of crashing sentimentality: namely that Hapgood, the superwoman, has gained professional success at the expense of her feminine fulfillment, and that she finally discovers that what counts most is motherhood.

To effect this change of heart, the play resorts to that tear-jerking standby — the threatened kidnapping of her little boy.

Felicity Kendal, barking peremptory orders into her walkie-talkie and throwing her weight around in the office (evidently situated under the Charing Cross arches in Carl Tom's set), does an efficient Superwoman number, but only comes to life in the role of her scatty twin sister, whose arrival in the corridor of power briefly jerks the piece into high-pressure comedy.

Of Nigel Hawthorne's Blair, there is little to be seen beyond urbane control and moments of blistering (if enigmatic) wrath: the part is written too close to the chest for much more to get through. Much the most effective performance is Roger Rees's Russian agent, an uninhibited impassioned temperament among all the buttoned-up British, and also the only character with good meaty speeches.

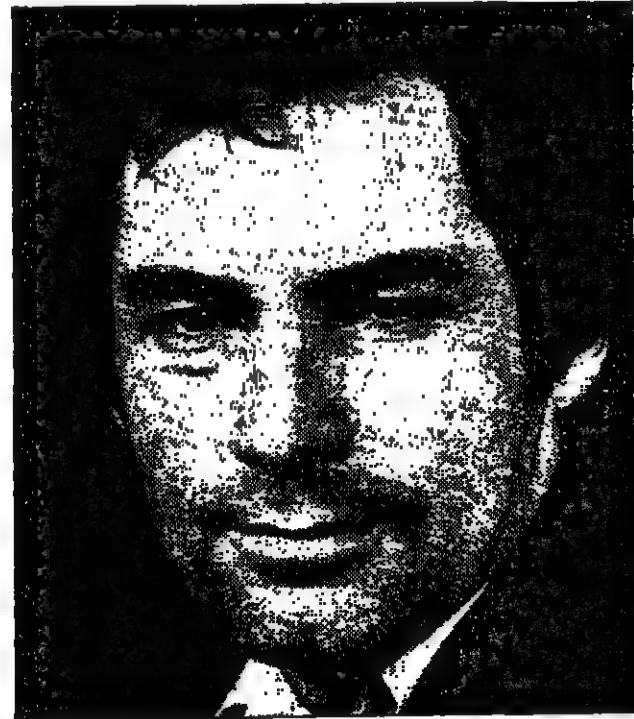
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Back where he belongs

Sheridan Morley interviews

Timothy Dalton, who switches from James Bond to Eugene O'Neill in London tonight in *A Touch of the Poet*

ZOE DOMING



Golden Bond: Timothy Dalton now has the freedom to choose

The production of Eugene O'Neill's *A Touch of the Poet* which the Comedy Theatre opens tonight, after a brief and standing-room-only season at the Young Vic, marks the centenary of O'Neill's birth and is the first-ever London staging of one of his most important late plays. It also establishes for the first time Timothy Dalton as a major classical player in the league of such contemporaries as Hopkins, Gambon, Jacobi and McKellen.

In a role that could have been written for John Barrymore, and was famously played in America by Jason Robards, he recreates the vainglorious, alcoholic Irish saloon keeper living on memories of triumph in Wellington's army. As a stage presence he will be hard to beat in any of this year's awards.

Dalton has been working in the classical theatre for many years, not least as a Barbican Hotspur for the RSC, and in a faintly uneasy and uneven Shakespearean partnership with Vanessa Redgrave at the Haymarket a couple of summers ago. But this time the Redgrave teaming has worked quite superbly and happily for Dalton it comes at a moment when he is also forming queues around Leicester Square for what looks like being the longest-ever run of a James Bond movie, *The Living Daylights*.

"I suppose, in a way, that taking over as James Bond has given me a greater theatrical freedom to choose the work I really want to do, though nothing was ever planned quite as carefully as that. After the Haymarket Shakespeare season, the Duncan Weldon management asked Vanessa and me what else we might like to do in the West End, and after a great deal of reading

and searching around, Vanessa remembered *A Touch of the Poet*, which she had once been asked to audition for in America. We didn't even know that it was the O'Neill centenary, nor did we know that Weldon had already acquired the London rights in *A Touch of the Poet* and was about to give them up, because he despaired of finding a cast who could play it.

"But as soon as Vanessa gave me the script I knew that we had to do it. This is just so

funny and touching and moving and true a play that it has to be done, and the miracle for us was that no one in London had ever tried it before. The passion and the contradictions and the humour all ring so true, and we're even being asked now to take it back to New York after the Comedy season.

"Although it's a commercial production, Vanessa and I were very keen to restart it at the Young Vic because seat prices there are still so low that you really do get a young student audience.

"As soon as we started rehearsing, all the problems of the play, its focus on the Irish immigrants to America in the last century, its length and its detailed references to American politics of the period, seemed to get ironed out by the sheer strength of O'Neill's poetry: it's a play that grows all the time you do it."

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After years of writing music for cartoon films, the Russian composer Sofia Gubaydulina has suddenly, in her mid-fifties, become the object of the keenest interest, at least in the west. She has profited from the awareness of unofficial music that recent Soviet liberalization has facilitated.

But, more than that, it is the intensity of her work — a quite peculiar intensity, wholly detached from the subjective — that has given her the following demonstrated last night by the considerable audience for her talk before the BBC Symphony Orchestra's performance, under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, of her symphony "Stimmen... verstummen".

The "voices struck dumb" of this work are, as she explained, those of her *Perception*, an epistolary exchange of interior intimacies with a German poet, scored for male and female solo singers with strings. In the symphony there are no human voices, but the conversation continues in the alternation between what she described as static and active movements, six of each.

The performance, though, revealed stasis as the work's essential nature, with much

repetition of its often bold gestures — gusts of wind, chimings, abrupt revelations of the organ, circling chromatic figures — between the recurrences of the D major chord that characterizes her considerable static sections. These "tonal" passages have a curiously frail radiance, imperilled by bow noises, flute flutter-tongues and the danger of a disappearance into the high treble.

And Gubaydulina's handling of the orchestra is just as telling elsewhere in the work. Her placing of cellos and double basses to the front seemed to help her create the impression of resonating objects, so that the orchestra might be a heavy bell or a fragile glass vessel.

She also has, perhaps like Messiaen in this respect, an innocence of vagary. The main climax of the symphony comes with the two brass groups standing to blast at one another, and later there is a passage of trumpets and drums in crescendo leading to a further, rather Shostakovich-like outburst from the brass.

But these were just incidental symptoms of the certainty with which Gubaydulina writes, using the ambiguous, confused, vacillating means of late 20th-century music with blazing conviction. That is what made this performance so powerful, and so baffling.

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Cables lift

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to £128m

BICC, the cables, construction

and components group, made

pretax profits in the year to the

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The total dividend was

raised to 13p from 11.75p.

The largest increase in

profit came from the cables

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Balfour Beatty, the construction

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increasing road building,

housing and property develop-

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Antique price

William Bedford, antique

dealer and restorer, had pretax

profits of £817,048 in the year

ended December, against

£759,348. The final dividend

is maintained at 3p, and the

year's payment rises from 4.5p

to 4.65p a share.

Miss World

Miss World Group, the beauty

competitions firm, made a

pretax profit of £659,000 last

year compared with £602,000.

Turnover went up to £1.5

million and a final dividend of

6p is being paid, making a

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SUMMARY

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Thomas Jordan, the diversified consumer products group, saw full-year pretax profits dip by £200,000 to £1.8 million after a supply hiccup at its Samcrest fire surrounds subsidiary. But orders have recovered and the business is back on course. A final dividend of 3.5p makes a total for the year of 4.85p.

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Ultramar set for expansion after earnings rise to £39m

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Ultramar, the independent oil company that generates most earnings from its Canadian and Indonesian operations, yesterday announced 1987 profits of £39.5 million, on continuing operations after tax, compared with a loss of almost half a million pounds the year before.

The results were slightly lower than City expectations, largely because Ultramar uses the sterling-dollar exchange rate on the last day of the year, which has led to artificially depressed profits being shown. The company is considering moving to an average figure in future.

The final dividend will be

4.2p, taking the full year amount to 6.5p, a rise of 24 per cent on the 5.25p in 1986. Shareholders may also elect to take fully paid shares instead of cash dividends.

The City expects Ultramar to be in an acquisitive mood this year because it has tax benefits it could use to add to its North Sea portfolio. It is also likely to expand its retailing outlets in Canada to take advantage of the modernization it has carried out at its Quebec refinery.

Ultramar is protected from the falling oil price to a certain extent by the size of its gas assets in Indonesia, which are

Acquisitions cement CRH increase

By Alexandra Jackson

Acquisitions at the end of 1986 and during last year were the main factor behind the 27 per cent rise in 1987 pretax profits from CRH, the international building materials group based in Eire.

The group spent IR£123 million (£107.7 million) on acquisitions last year. The largest, costing IR£62.6 million, was in Spain, with others in Britain, The Netherlands and the US. Currency movements reduced pretax profits by IR£2.5 million.

The Irish market remained depressed. CRH has a continuing redundancy programme which has halved its Irish workforce in recent years to 3,000. The higher cost of this cut profits by IR£1 million.

Land sales next to the group's green-field concrete roof tile operations in Gravesend, Kent, boosted profits by about IR£2 million.

Mr Tony Barry, chief executive, said: "We are confident that 1988 will be a further year of progress and achievement for CRH."



Confident of progress: Tony Barry, CRH's chief executive (Photograph by James Morgan)

Profits up by 54% at Tyne Tees TV

By Alison Eadie

Tyne Tees Television Holdings, the independent contractor for the North-east, gave the lie to the North-South divide when it produced pretax profits 54 per cent higher at £6.5 million in the year ended December.

Advertising share held steady at just under 4 per cent. After a decline at the start of the year, the advertising share matched the overall industry growth from April onwards and has continued to do so for the first two months of this year.

Turnover rose by 9 per cent to £56.8 million and operating

costs were held, with staff costs falling marginally due to a reduction of overall numbers and the introduction of flexible working practices for electricians.

Tyne Tees hopes to win the agreement of the technicians' union, ACTT, for a similar flexible working package and is considering withdrawing from the ITV Companies Association national agreement covering working practices with all unions.

The total dividend was raised by 48 per cent to 27.5p and a sub-division of the shares into 50p shares was proposed.

Gale claims curb gains at Bejam

By Carol Ferguson

Bejam Group, the freezer specialist, reported pretax profits up just 6 per cent to £13.7 million at the interim stage, in spite of a solid performance at the operating level.

Higher interest costs, and £495,000 on freezer claims after last October's hurricane, were the main culprits.

Mr Laurence Don, Bejam's deputy chairman, said that the underlying earnings increase on a 26 weeks basis, against 27 weeks last year, was about 10 per cent. Price inflation had been about 2 per cent, volume growth 1 per cent, and new

space contributed 7 per cent. The interim dividend was up 11 per cent to 2.5p net.

The performance of Victor Value, the budget supermarket chain acquired two years ago, remains disappointing.

Mr Don said that capital investment in the first half of £14.9 million had caused interest costs to rise to nearly £900,000 in the first half. He said that capital spending would continue at a high level of about £15 million in the second half, and that the debt/equity ratio could reach 25 per cent by the year end.

Advance at Pittard hit by imports

By Michael Tate

Cheap footwear imports from the Far East have trimmed shoe-upper margins at Pittard Garment, the company that resulted from last June's merger of Pittard Group and Garment Booth.

It is one reason why, despite a 29.2 per cent rise in turnover to £156.9 million in 1987, the group produced pretax profits up only 19.6 per cent at £6.36 million, against £5.32 million.

Earnings per share were up from 16.8p to 19.6p, and a 4.15p final dividend lifts the year's total from 5.12p to 5.9p.

The group is writing off £3 million on its Northern Ireland business, Atlantic Tanning, where import pressures have contributed losses of £400,000 in the second half, £595,000 for the year. The business will be closed.

The Scottish animal by-products business in Ayr, which lost £110,000 last year, has already been closed.

£5.7m for Attwoods

Attwoods, the waste disposal group which makes 70 per cent of its money in the US, has reported profits of £5.73 million for the six months to end-January, against £4.58 million previously. It is paying a 2p interim dividend, against 1.5p last time. Earnings per share are down from 8.07p to 7.5p.

But in dollar terms the pretax growth rate is 46.7 per cent, and a healthy 16 per cent after stripping out acquisitions. Earnings are 26.2 per cent higher.

Next month will bring the \$16 million (£3.7 million) acquisition of Eastern Waste through a share swap deal, taking the group beyond Florida into five other states.

Increase for Abbott

Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising agency, ended 1987 with net cash in the bank of £2 million - despite having moved into new headquarters - and with gross billings up over the year from £69.3 million to £97.5 million.

The group, which remains essentially a British-based business, says it still has ambitions to make an acquisition in the United States.

Pretax profits rose from £3.18 million to £4.04 million, which lifted earnings from 15.05p to 19.75p a share. The annual dividend rises from 3.5p to 4.5p a share. The shares eased 2p to 231p.

COMMENT

Budget holds sway in the shares tug of war

London share prices do not know which way to go. Good company results are pulling in one direction, then caution over continued high base rates and the effect of an expensive pound on industry pulls back in the other. But there should be a decisive movement soon.

London's relatively sluggish post-crash recovery compared with Wall Street and Tokyo has been an enduring conundrum, though shared until recently in other European centres.

Last week, Europe started to move. After several failures, the FT-SE 100 share index finally jumped above 1,800 for the first time since October 22 in a belated attempt to stage a traditional pre-budget rally. Shares in Paris and Frankfurt also broke into new post-crash ground in response to further rises on Wall Street. And the volume of trading has returned to a much healthier level - usually a good sign.

employers of excessive pay settlements. But he does give the case for caution.

British share prices have sagged after the Budget in each of the past three buoyant years. And once Nigel Lawson's all-dominant speech is out of the way, there will be a series of economic statistics that could well show the markets some unpleasant realities - not least over a deteriorating trade balance. The combination of high interest rates and a rising exchange rate should be much better news for the gilt-edged market than for shares.

This puts more than usual importance on the Budget itself. Even a modest boost to consumer demand would look odd against high interest rates and poor trade figures. Mrs Thatcher's message may well have been that demand management is not to make a comeback just when the space is there for reasonable tax cuts. Will the markets agree?

That was enough to convince some leading chartwatchers. Richard Lake of SBCI Savory Millin, has swiftly rushed a prediction to his clients that the FT-SE looks poised for a quick move to 2,000. There is certainly plenty of money around to fulfil this prophecy if the institutions decide this is the moment.

Peter Thompson of BZW equally likes the atmosphere for a late pre-Budget surge. He is not worried by Mrs Thatcher's use of the exchange rate as anti-inflationary medicine to cure

The crucial test is probably whether the fear of permanent economic scars from the crash has been stilled on this side of the Atlantic. In the crash scenario, share price recoveries would be zipped in the bud when business confidence showed a lagged response to the stock market. But officially, say OECD economists, the crash has had little or no economic impact. If institutional share buyers become convinced of that, there is scope for British shares to catch up.

Sting in a successful tale

Barely a week went by last year without Hillsdown Holdings making an acquisition. And it is this image of a company set on frenetic corporate activity which appears to be responsible for its unimpressive stock market rating.

Yet to rate Hillsdown, arguably one of the real success stories of the 1980s, on a par with its fellow food manufacturers in line with the stock market as a whole, is a travesty. Over the past seven years, profits have grown by more than 50 per cent each year while compound earnings growth has been well over 30 per cent.

The profits have increased more than a dozen times, to £27 million. Hillsdown should turn over at least £3.5 billion this year. So every percentage point on margins equals £35 million on the bottom line.

The tendency for Hillsdown to sport a high gearing ratio has provided powder for the ammunition of the group's detractors. Last year, after the £165 million acquisition of Toronto-based Maple Leaf Mills, borrowings touched £500 million. By the year-end this figure had been reduced to £364 million, taking the net gearing ratio down below 94 per cent.

Hillsdown is not coy about revealing how much of its growth comes from acquisitions and how much from organic growth, and merger accounting is not one of its habits. So the sceptics have very little ammunition apart from the British suspicion of blatant success.

For Hillsdown, making the acquisition is only the beginning. Improving margins through cost-cutting and product development is the key to the group's fortunes. Take the poultry business as an example. Acquisitions account for £50 million of the £150 million increased turnover, to £450 million, in the five years since 1982. But

This treats the convertible as debt, but even on a less conservative basis gearing would be over 40 per cent. Hillsdown is not going to give up making acquisitions but it is, however, going to use its strong cashflow to bring borrowings down.

Given the still-fragmented market in which it operates and the relative immaturity of the industries it serves, there is no reason to expect Hillsdown to run out of steam. It is time the quality of earnings and management which generates them is reflected in the share price.

Short Brothers designs new airliner

By Robert Rodwell

Short Brothers, the government-owned Belfast aerospace company, is working on the design of a new 44-seat twin-jet airliner for entry into the regional airline market in 1993-94, it was disclosed yesterday.

The low-wing aircraft, provisionally designated the FTX, would have a take-off weight of about 40,400lb and cruise at

about Mach 0.8, over relatively lightly travelled secondary air routes. Incorporating new composite materials in its structure, the FTX is being designed around forthcoming small turbofan engines of US design.

Both Pratt and Whitney and the partnership of General Electric and Garrett are developing new engines of the required size.

The FTX was becoming more "crystallized" after about two years of feasibility studies, a spokeswoman for Short said. But many questions remained to be answered before a firm launch decision, and this was at least a year away, she emphasized.

The company will undertake market research to answer such questions as the exact passenger capacity and

the amenities required, and the performance needed to satisfy customers' needs.

An important question will also concern funding because, at a cost of at least £100 million, development would be beyond Short's financial capacity if it were to act alone. It is, therefore, seeking a partnership with another leading aircraft company.

Gold to keep out the cold

The Duke of Abercorn could be forgiven for hoping that the £140 million gold find in Northern Ireland by Rule 535 company North West Exploration, in a 50/50 joint venture with Ulster Minerals - revealed yesterday - will bring him riches sooner rather than later. Over lunch at The Savoy, the 53-year-old aristocrat and one-time MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone revealed that Barons Court, his 200-year-old ancestral home in Omagh, Northern Ireland, covers more than an acre of ground. And that is just the building. "It does cost quite a bit to heat," he tells me. "In fact, during the summer, when we switch over to oil for our hot water, the bill comes to about £1,800 for just four months." The system for winter is much more elaborate. Timber from adjoining woodlands is splintered and baked in ovens for up to three months before being fed into the furnace. "It works so well that we have to open the windows," says the Duke. As non-executive chairman of North West, his 94,000 share stake is at present worth just £53,000. But he tells me that the company has also discovered what could be among the biggest gypsum deposits in the world, and hopes that will soon increase. "Our shares rose after melt-down Monday," he says, "but have been falling ever since the market started to recover. Something seems to be wrong."

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Search for a Saatchi

The publicity-shy Saatchi brothers not only refuse to speak to journalists these days, they even, it seems, avoid their own shareholders. The agency's annual meeting at The Park Lane Hotel yesterday turned into something of a party, as chairman Maurice Saatchi revealed that the phenomenally successful company - profits have risen from £24,000 to £124 million and the share price by 10,000 per cent - was 18 years old. A

sumptuous birthday cake, with blue and white icing, had been baked. But brother Charles was not there to claim his piece. So conspicuous was his absence that shareholders queried it, reminding Maurice that shy Charles had been missing from each of the previous five AGMs. "He's looking after the shop," was all Maurice would say, adding, to requests that he be persuaded to come along next year, "I will certainly try."

Fish tale

Somebody certainly seems to have it in for the fish at Triton Court, the glitzy new office block on the north side of Finsbury Square, London. Last month virtually all the three dozen or so carp which

inhabited the ornamental pond in the atrium there were found dead in mysterious circumstances. Samples of the water were whisked away to specialist laboratories, but there was apparently insufficient water for a conclusive verdict to be reached. The pond was refilled and stocked with a new shoal of carp. But, only days later, the visiting young son of a unit trust manager at Royal London Mutual, owners of the freehold, spotted fish floating on the surface once again. Swift action from a specialist fish resuscitation service saved all but five. More water, this time enough for very exhaustive tests, has, I am told, been despatched to the experts but the jury is still out. Meanwhile, the pond remains empty until the cause of the mystery killings has been detected.



Dewe on Japan

Dewe Rogerson, which can claim the distinction of being the first of London's financial public relations firms to open an office in Tokyo - it has been *in situ* there since last October - may have unearthed a whole new public relations dimension. Its resident Japanese expert, who heads a staff of four, is ex-James Capel analyst Dave Keller, an American with a Japanese wife, who once did a stint in Japan as a Shinto priest. Keller, however, is anything but a religious zealot. It was, I am assured, all part of an oriental studies course and designed to help him understand the Japanese mind. Financial public relations is, Dewe Rogerson admits, a new concept in Japan - according to one regular visitor to Japan, it has hitherto simply meant the procurement of prostitutes for businessmen.

Dewe, chairman of Dewe Rogerson, is quick to differentiate his firm's service as "the communications arm of the financial services business," and avers, on the subject of ladies of the night: "We wouldn't know how to do it."

It is not all sackings and redundancies within the Square Mile. Brokers CL Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank has just recruited ex-Shearson Lehman options specialist Lesley Powell, and says that she will be the first of several sack appointments, designed to strengthen its traded options team.

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Sheila J. Needham, who runs her own company, discovered the special skills of women as well as their essential equality

I had not planned to set up my own business. The decision gradually evolved. There was no huge leap, just a series of small steps. The risks were not seen as either dramatic or foolhardy. Like many women in the 1950s, I did not choose a career. On leaving school I trained as a secretary. When my quantity surveyor boss decided to set up a small specialist printers I had a unique opportunity to watch every aspect of running the business, and to understand the boss's viewpoint.

After seven years I was appointed manager. But while I wanted to keep on developing the business my boss could only see me as a secretary doing what he wanted. He did not expect the men we employed to want to work for a woman. Feeling utterly frustrated, I found a backer and offered to buy the printing company.

When the offer was rejected the same backer agreed to help me set up my own business. I later found out that the running of his in-house printing department had been a constant problem. He decided to close it and to place the work with a new company.

I have now learnt that it is essential for both parties to have the same aims. What I wanted was a partner with the financial expertise I lacked who could help me with the creation of a firm of general commercial colour print-

ers. My partner wanted a company that would work mainly for his professional practice at a price discounted because of the volume.

Later these differences in our aims became clear and created problems.

The early days of starting the new business were busy and exciting. The company had to be registered, premises found, equipment purchased, staff chosen. Then the first orders came in. I expected the first year to be demanding. But for me the second year was more difficult - the planned profit proved hard to achieve.

Growth brought its own problems. At first there was not enough work for the staff, then there was too much. Cash flow and profits were affected as more staff, machinery and space were added.

The skills required changed. At first the staff were a small homogeneous, democratic group with broadly based skills. We saw ourselves as building something together. Each achievement was seen to belong to all of us.

Of course, there were problems in matching people with increased responsibilities. One manager who was excellent with a small staff found it impossible to cope with double the number. Another manager developed the skills of the other staff but in difficult situations he saw their point of view more than management's.

The challenges that can teach valuable lessons in business



Some members still find experience and training enables them to contribute within the company's changing environment; for others it means they want to go on to new challenges outside. I found I had to accept that when the company trains some one it does not buy that person.

At the beginning 90 per cent of our turnover came from the business of my financial brokers. After 10 years their account had trebled and they remained our largest customer, but their proportion of the year's total work reduced to 14 per cent. It was now the time to become independent.

The backer's 50 per cent shareholding was purchased and new capital raised, taking advantage of the Government's Business Expansion Scheme. Prior to this buy-out the board had authorized the acquisition of additional

equipment and the leasing of an additional floor in the building to which we had moved four years earlier.

It was then that I discovered the vulnerability of a small company. While we were stretched to our financial limits, unexpected problems blew up. But we were no longer protected by a financial backer and we had little margin for error. Inevitably the next year was very difficult.

Greater emphasis on profitability and efficiency was the essential response. As managing director I had to make hard decisions such as dismissing unsatisfactory staff, however much it hurt. A new team of managers was built up and encouraged to work closely together. They worked long and hard to achieve results that once seemed impossible.

Gradually losses changed to

profit. Then the serious illness of a manager created further problems. One manager found this stressful and left; another felt his career was being held back by the problems and also left. The management team had to be rebuilt.

Throughout it has been necessary both to define short-term targets and to show my commitment to the long-term success of the company. All the staff need to see me as dependable and competent. It is an essential part of my role.

But I also have to be competitive: to fight and to relate to the outside world. I not only sell our services; I have overall responsibility for ensuring that we design and print to the right quality and deliver on time. My task is to listen, consider carefully and determine the best course of

action. Ultimately, accountability lies with me, though others - the board, shareholders, staff and customers - need to understand the decisions that affect them.

The role of my five managers is to carry out the detailed day-to-day matters. Their responsibility is to demonstrate how their departments can be made more effective in order to achieve agreed targets.

The three non-executive directors who complete my board are businessmen whose knowledge enables them to raise the relevant issues for discussion and debate in determining company policy. But day-to-day management is left to me, and I have discovered how lonely and tough this can be. We use specialist outside consultants to advise us.

During the past year we have obtained help from a British

Printing Industries Federation consultant, partly funded by the Government's Business Technical Advisory Service scheme. This has enabled us to define certain weaknesses and improve systems. At the same time prompt invoicing and careful cash flow control, together with the support of our bank, have aided recovery. Profitability remains the priority issue.

In the first few years I found it necessary to ask potential senior members of staff to consider how they would feel about working for a woman. Gradually the question is becoming irrelevant as working patterns change, and now it is less unusual for a man to have a female boss. While I consider women are equal with men, we are undeniably different and develop special management skills.

Certainly, when I look back, I am grateful that in my last secretarial post I worked for a man who encouraged employees to use their skills to the full. He challenged me to do things that I did not think I could handle. He taught me a valuable lesson.

Believing in some one helps that person to believe in herself. As she grows in her own self-esteem she is able to take risks and to be responsible for what she does.

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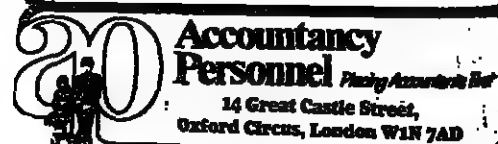


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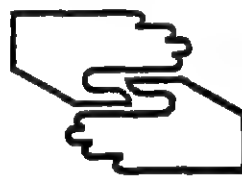
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A rattling good yarn

The year 1977 saw the birth of a splendid idea: why not, said Peter and Patricia Braithwaite and Bing Taylor, publish a guide to good books and supply them by post?

"Marvellous", said everyone, "but it won't work, you know. Such nice young people; what a pity: let's just mention it," and so they got a lot of editorial publicity for what sympathetic literary journalists felt was a doomed enterprise.

Ten years (and a Queen's Award) later, the *Good Book Guide* has issued its tenth anniversary edition.

They have in addition to their premises in Battersea (turn left at the Dog's Home), their bookshop and offices in Great Russell Street, Bing Taylor has moved on, but the Braithwaites and Lesley Baxter, the co-editor, are celebrating a decade of growth.

"Our bookshops are empty; our papers do not publish book critiques; the *Guide* is the only selection of current publishing we have seen for years," Lusaka, Zambia.

"If we'd gone by the marketing people we'd never have been here," says Peter Braithwaite. "We don't have whizz bang offers to attract new readers - we really want readers who will stay with us - it takes us longer, but they stay with us loyally."

The idea began, as Patricia Braithwaite says, when they were living in Tanzania, where they couldn't get any books at all, and the children were beginning to want to look at picture books, and there was nothing.

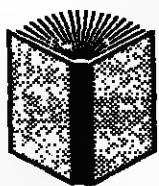
When they returned, they discovered that there were parts of this country where there were no bookshops within easy reach. These include South Wales (unless you live near Cardiff), and parts of Scotland - which resemble the

"I first heard of the *Good Book Guide* from my sister-in-law when visiting her at her remote habitation in the Amazon Basin in Guyana (believe it or not, this is a fact!)"

Bermuda Triangle when it comes to books. Also you can be hard up for a good read if you don't live within striking distance of York or Newcastle.

It isn't just the buying of books that is the problem; Patricia Braithwaite points out that you don't even know what is being published or what is available unless you have time for a lengthy browse in a good bookshop. No one can really rely on reviews.

The *Good Book Guide* was set up, from its earliest days, to remedy all this. Regarding all advice, say the Braithwaites, they set out to produce a first-class guide, in full colour, (now bi-



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"As I live over a hundred miles from a bookshop, your *Guide* is my only access to books currently available," Isle of Skye.

A section called "A Good Read" runs to three closely-packed pages of books (mostly in paperback) by best-selling authors of fiction, ranging over general, thrillers, crime, historical and science fiction.

How did they do it? "Our first Christmas was quite hair-raising," says Peter Braithwaite. "We had funded the whole enterprise ourselves, mortgaging the house, just because we had this ridiculous belief there would be enough people who care about books if they knew they were available to order them."

There were some big decisions, uncomfortable times, and worrying nights - for example, when they decided to

"I live a quiet, lonely life in a small remote place in the north of Sweden, some 230 kilometres from the nearest bookshop. I love your *Guide*," Vilhelmina, Sweden.

double the size of the space in Battersea - and to open the delightful bookshop at 91, Great Russell Street, where the browser and buyer is welcomed by a blazing fire in winter.

But today, 45 issues of the magazine later, they have more than 100,000 regular readers, 25,000 regular subscribers, and have selected well over 10,000 books (250 an issue, adding up to some 1,500 a year).

When they began, there were 35,000 titles published during the year in Britain. Now there are 58,000. These go to 171 countries, at the latest count.

One of their pleasures is to be able to include small publishers, including the small independent and specialist presses, in the lists. Readers, too, must be glad of this, faced with the unwillingness of many a bookshop to stock (or order) anything but the current best seller. Publishers send advance proofs, both of

"The *Good Book Guide* is the best in the world, because you simply get any book you want without waiting for a long time. You have to wait for two months to get a novel in Zimbabwe."

text and jockers, and are, on the whole, extremely helpful, as well they might be.

"There are no quiet days," says Patricia Braithwaite. It is hard work, full-time for the small staff, choosing books and getting them reviewed (apart from the starry names, much of the reviewing is done anonymously by a regular panel, offering about 150 words apiece).

"They do it for love, rather than money," admits Patricia Braithwaite, well known for her ability to charm reviewers and contributors into doing for the *Good Book Guide* what they would refuse for anyone else.

What the general public does not realize, of course, is that many of the guides to books and reading are subsidized directly by publishers - the publisher pays a sum of money for each entry in the guide. The *Good Book Guide*

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operates in exactly the opposite way. It regards itself as an independent guide and mail order service, offering choice and no pressure to buy on the readers, either by a minimum number of books (it is not a book club) or by special offers.

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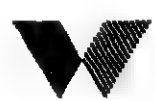
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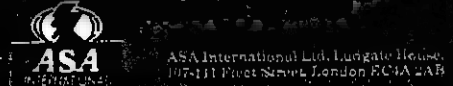
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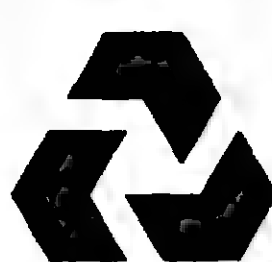


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CRICKET: MAN-OF-THE-MATCH CHEQUE BOUNCES FROM EMBUREY TO NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN

Overcoming final-run nerves

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Dunedin

For a few awful minutes at sunlit Carisbrook last evening it began to seem that England's inability to win Test matches when the chance presents itself had spread into the more basic area of limited-overs cricket.

Faced with the simple equation of scoring 19 runs in five overs, with six wickets in hand, there was a hint of paralysis and a definite touch of panic. However, with the Dunedin crowd stamping and clapping in unanticipated excitement, Fairbrother completed the job with a flourish.

Although there were only four balls to spare when Fairbrother whipped the winning four to square legs, completing his first international half-century in the process, this will nevertheless be remembered as a comfortable win for England. Properly so, too, for they were much the better side.

The day did not end without a fiasco with the sponsors presenting their £200 man-of-the-match award to the wrong man. John Wright, the New Zealand captain, was the adjudicator's choice but the message lost something in transmission and Emburey was announced as the winner. Once the error had been pointed out, Emburey handed over the cash.

It was a paradox of the match that, despite being generally outplayed, New Zealand possessed both the outstanding batsman and bowler. Their innings, however, fell away timidly after Wright, who won the toss, had set up the prospect of a big score and when they bowled, Chaffield, in his 102nd international, was the only man capable of imposing any control. His figures of two for 15 in 10 overs are the most economical recorded in a one-day match between these countries.

Unhappily, this must go down as another day to disappoint the tour organizers. The authorities were counting on the four one-day internationals to attract big crowds and produce compelling cricket. In this first game, they were let down.

The crowd numbered fewer than 10,000, when 15,000 had been the confident forecast, and the cricket suffered through a pitch of uncertain pace and bounce, plus the



The Wright angle: Moxon makes a one-handed catch to dismiss New Zealand's top scorer (Photograph: Graham Morris)

inevitable lack of power in the under-strength teams.

New Zealand, already without Hadlee and Jones, almost lost a third leading player when Crowe, padding up outside the nets before play, was hit on the head by a ball struck by Capel. Doctors were initially unsure whether he should take part but Crowe passed himself fit and, coming in at the fall of Reid, batted with transitory glory before deciding things were too easy and playing lazily down the wrong line to Jarvis.

Wright and Greatbatch, altogether more workmanlike, then put on 77 in 17 overs and New Zealand looked bound for a score of about 250. Their downfall reflected credit on England's attack. Emburey initiated the slide, as was only just. He should have dismissed Wright for 28, but French made a hash of a stumping chance. When he lured Greatbatch to his end, the New Zealand decline was swift.

Wright, caught one-handed by Moxon at mid-wicket, had made 70 from 91 balls but thereafter only Kugeleijn, on his first appearance, held off

England's attack. Emburey finished with four wickets as the last eight fell for 77.

Although the ball tended to come through at varying heights while still new and hard, a target of 205 should have been met and drink to England. Broad was in the sort of mood when one wonders how he can possibly get out (it took a run-out) and Getting was mischievously inventive before relaxing against Rutherford, the joker in the bowling pack.

At 114 for four it was still open but Wright's problem was having only one Chaffield. Three other seam bowlers, plus Bracewell, all failed to bowl to their field and Fairbrother and Capel were able to pick up runs at a steady rate.

Capel, the more forthright of the young pair, was two short of a merited half-century when he advanced to Chaffield in the maestro's last over and was caught behind.

The crowd saw this as the cue for genuine drama but it soon petered out. Snedden's next over, the penultimate of the innings, cost 11 runs and England were virtually home.

SCOREBOARD FROM DUNEDIN

New Zealand won toss

| NEW ZEALAND | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|------|------|
| | Runs | Wickets | Extras | Over | Rate |
| R B Reid c Broad b DeFreitas | 78 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 3.12 |
| J G Wright c Moxon b Radford | 70 | 1 | 129 | 92 | 0.76 |
| M D Crowe b Jarvis | 18 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 1.00 |
| M J Greatbatch c Capel b Emburey | 13 | 1 | 58 | 48 | 0.27 |
| K Rutherford c French b Capel | 13 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 0.50 |
| D Kugeleijn c Getting b DeFreitas | 34 | 1 | 2 | 76 | 0.45 |
| J G Bracewell run out (DeFreitas) | 0 | 1 | 28 | 18 | 0.00 |
| M O S Smith b Emburey | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0.00 |
| M C Snedden b Emburey | 0 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 0.00 |
| W Watson not out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| E J Emburey not out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Extras (b 3, nb 4) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total (4 wickets) | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-50, 3-127, 4-140, 5-157, 6-188, 7-190, 8-204, 9-204. BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-25-2 (nb 1); Radford 10-0-47-1 (w 3); Capel 10-1-45-1 (w 2); Jarvis 10-2-34-1; Emburey 9-4-38-4.

England

| ENGLAND | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|------|------|
| | Runs | Wickets | Extras | Over | Rate |
| B C Broad run out (Crowe) | 33 | 3 | 81 | 57 | 0.58 |
| M D Moxon c Smith b Chaffield | 16 | 1 | 35 | 22 | 0.73 |
| J G Wright c Moxon b Radford | 42 | 3 | 47 | 43 | 0.98 |
| M J Greatbatch c French b Capel | 13 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 0.50 |
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| Extras (b 3, nb 4) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total (5 wickets, 42.2 overs) | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

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Man of the Match: J G Wright. Umpires: R McHenry and G Morris.

Versatile Harper restores a balance

Kingston, Jamaica (Reuters) — The Pakistan touring team's opening match, against the West Indies Cricket Board President's XI, appeared to be heading for an exciting finish here after they had finished the third day at 106 for four, 127 ahead.

In the final session Benjamin exploited an apparent weakness against the short ball, dismissing Aslam Malik in successive batters with lifting deliveries which they parried to Harper in the gully. Harper's off spin then accounted for Kamran Raja (40) and Aslam Malik (30) in successive batters to leave the Pakistanis struggling at 76 for four. However, Javed Miandad and Imran Khan then survived an uncomfortable last half-hour.

Earlier the left-arm bowler, Saleem Jaffer, had taken six for 67 as the President's XI were dismissed for 311, giving the touring side a first-innings lead of 21. Imran, playing his first match after a three-month retirement, must have encouraged his team ahead of Saturday's first one-day international by bowling at something near his best.

Pakistan first innings 332 for 9 (c Salim Malik, b Javed Miandad 63, c L Hooper 4 for 72).

| Second Innings | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Rameez Raja c Jaffer b Harper | 40 |
| Aslam Malik c Harper b Benjamin | 21 |
| Salim Malik b Jaffer | 30 |
| Javed Miandad not out | 20 |
| Imran Khan b Harper | 30 |
| Extras (b 3, nb 4) | 7 |
| Total (4 wickets) | 106 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-82, 3-76, 4-76. BOWLING: Jaffer 7-1-15-0; Benjamin 7-1-15-0; Harper 12-2-30-2; Harper 15-4-28-2; Hooper 9-1-14-0.

England's 20 First Innings

| First Innings | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| P V Samson b Naved | 39 |
| W W Lewis c Aslam b Jaffer | 47 |
| S A Hameed c Aslam b Jaffer | 13 |
| K I T Arthurs b Imran | 41 |
| C I Hooper b Jaffer | 57 |
| Extras (b 3, nb 4) | 20 |
| Total (4 wickets) | 207 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-100, 3-114, 4-207. BOWLING: Jaffer 7-1-15-0; Benjamin 7-1-15-0; Harper 12-2-30-2; Hooper 9-1-14-0.

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Lack of funds to cut back junior team for Canada

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

If there is one area of British athletics which has escaped the scourges of cynicism, over-commercialization and drug suspicions in the last few years, it has been the junior squad and its organizers.

They are the most successful branch of British athletics, witness nine gold medals in last year's European junior championships — yet the numbers going to Canada for the world junior championships in June are being restricted by the British Board, due to the short-fall in finance, which is wholly a result of managerial incompetence. So the sins of the officials are visited upon the young athletes.

Fortunately, the youngsters have one of the most benevolent sponsors in British athletics, Dairy Crest, who yesterday be-

came the first company to re-invest in British athletics, to the extent of £1.1 million over the next four years.

It may not mean any more juniors going to Canada, but it does mean that the whole junior domestic season, including training camps, will continue to be underwritten, and that can only be good for the future of the sport. For the youngsters, opportunities for the young and promising to gain experience in investment. It is a pity more governments do not realize it.

Dairy Crest will also continue to sponsor two international and televised events per year, and provide awards for particular athletic achievement. The company has increased its sponsorship by roughly £30,000 a year since their initial investment of £750,000 from 1985.

Commodore Baye Lawal, the SCSSA president, said last night that the Dairy Crest deal was a landmark in the history of the sport, while Laune B. the SCSSA Secretary-General, said: "We are not boycotting for the pleasure of doing so." He added, however, that the boycott could only be a temporary measure when all possibilities of avoiding it are exhausted.

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Fay prepared for San Diego

Sydney (Reuters) — New Zealand's America's Cup challenge syndicate said yesterday it had agreed to participate in a multi-national elimination series starting in San Diego on February 1, 1989. Michael Fay, the syndicate chairman, said in a statement released here that the America's Cup match would then start on May 1, 1989, also in San Diego.

"All yachts competing, including the defending yacht from the San Diego Yacht Club, will be single-masted, monohulls, not more than 90 feet on the load waterline," Fay said.

His move to break the legal logjam follows the San Diego Yacht Club's last-minute decision in late February to accept other challenges to a race off California this September.

San Diego issued the invitation in the New York Supreme Court, where it was facing charges from the British syndicate, Peter de Savary, that it had violated the Cup's Deed of Gift by stopping countries other than New Zealand from challenging for the Cup.

Fay initially called the offer too little, too late as no other syndicate would have had time to build a contender. The multi-national elimination series, which Fay said he agreed to, would be faster than a monohull, off San Pedro Bay, California, where the winds are likely to favour monohulls.

But yesterday Fay said he had agreed to the San Diego offer in an attempt to preserve the spirit of the America's Cup. "New Zealand wants to settle the America's Cup on the water. As true sportsmen, the Kiwis have always wanted this match to be multi-national, and have now presented to San Diego the means of accomplishing this objective."

"We hope that the San Diego Yacht Club will now deal with this matter in the true tradition and spirit of the America's Cup and embrace this opportunity," Fay said.

"The San Diego Yacht Club only agreed to allow other countries to participate when they knew it was impossible for anyone else to be there. It's time

for the interests of yachtsmen around the world to prevail over the private and selfish interests of San America."

"Accordingly, in a letter sent to Justice Ciparick (of the New York Supreme Court) today we have stated that we agree to participate in a multi-national challenge elimination series starting in San Diego on February 1, 1989, with the America's Cup match commencing on May 1, 1989, in San Diego."

Sail America is the managing arm of the San Diego Yacht Club which reclaimed the "Auld Mug" for the United States when Dennis Conner, in Stars and Stripes, beat Australia's Kookaburra III off Fremantle, Western Australia, early last year.

The 1986-87 event was raced in 12-metre yachts which became part of the Cup competition in the late 1950s.

Last July, Fay, frustrated by lack of news from San Diego about the next series, challenged the defenders to a race in 90-foot load waterline yachts, a move he believed would bring the Deed of Gift alive.

YACHTING

Objection to foreign team link

By Peter Bryan

A proposal by Halfords, the retail chain, to sponsor a foreign-based professional team in the pre-am Milk Race has met with sharp criticism from the world's top professional racing team sponsors who see themselves losing financially and in terms of publicity.

Halfords said yesterday that plans for a link with the French Z-Pengot team "will have to be confirmed". Z-Pengot have signed 19 riders this season, including Joey McLaughlin, winner of the 1986 Milk Race, and Adrian Tansley, both of whom rode last year for the ill-fated ANC-Halfords squad which collapsed financially before the end of the season. Both would almost certainly be in the round-Britain race which starts in London on May 30.

The basic objection to the "rent a team" idea being voiced by British sponsors is that it contributes nothing to the furtherance of professional racing in Britain. Until this season, individual overseas riders have been allowed to guest for teams in Britain but that loophole was closed at last year's annual meeting of the Professional Cycling Association.

Alan Rushton, chairman of

Great motivator denied an international stage

By David Miller

It has taken Brian Clough seven years to erase the consequences of three of his worst misjudgements during his managerial career. I am not stating this. He is.

The old familiar irreverence, directed amicably at his own players as well as the opposition, at directors and administrators and occasionally at himself, is unchanged. It is, besides successful teams, his hallmark: a sign of assertive self-confidence, yet also a shortcoming which has repeatedly frightened the FA away from giving him the ultimate acknowledgement, the management of the England team.

"I made three bad signings — Wallace, Ward and Fashanu," Clough admits. "I'm as bad a judge of strikers as Walter Winterbottom — he only gave me two caps. The cost of those three, plus the new stand, has taken me all this time to clear."

Since winning the European Cup for the second successive season in 1980, the summit of three years

unprecedented achievement for Forest after leading them out of the second division, Clough has won nothing. He is weary of being reminded, though his enthusiasm, and his expectation, are as optimistic as ever.

Nottingham Forest are presently second in the League table, their reserves lead the Central League, the A team are front runners in the Midland Intermediate, the Youth XI are in the quarter-final of the FA Youth Cup. On Saturday, the first team meet Arsenal in the FA Cup sixth round. "We could have done with something slightly less difficult," Clough says, in that nasally, complaining Yorkshire voice that is the delight of mimics.

Maurice Roworth, the club chairman, is almost more enthusiastic than his manager. "This is the most exciting period of the club's history," he says. Such a claim might seem exaggerated; but not when you consider that Forest stand where they do, with an uncommonly healthy bank balance, with a staff of young players which Clough and his assistants, Ron Fenton, Liam O'Kane and

Archie Gemmill, have developed themselves.

Roworth justifies his decision, roundly criticized in public, to deny Clough the chance to be additionally the part-time manager of Wales by saying that the responsibilities would unavoidably have permeated Clough's thoughts and judgements with Forest.

Unaggressively, Clough challenges this view. "The chairman and I work well together, there's no disagreement on," he says. "Yet I was staggered that the board didn't think I could do the job. It would have been beneficial both for me and the club, it would have made me fresher."

My view is that it is a less temperate Clough that we see nowadays, and that the Welsh challenge would indeed have been investigating for Wales, for him and for the public. The time has perhaps arrived when he should be trusted with the diplomatic responsibilities of international team management to which, on the field, he has always been likely to bring originality.

And discipline, too. What distinguishes Forest, apart from an outstanding 10 years back in the first division, is a record of sound behaviour and few personal problems off the pitch. There has always been room for only one verbal catherine wheel at Clough's clubs. Yet to sit in the dressing-room just before he sends out his team is to realise that few managers have such a rapport with their players.

The club, I remarked to him, is in particularly good shape. How does he maintain his own motivation after 16 years at the top?

"I'm in good nick, too," he says expansively. "I'll tell you what winds me up. Jimmy Sirrell (the former Notts County manager now scouting for Derby) came to see us two months ago. 'I see you're still winning,' he said. That's what keeps you going. Winning. We may not have won a trophy recently, but we've won a thousand matches, at all levels. Look around at these young boys here, at their eagerness, I look forward to each new season."

The difficult bit, he admits, was survival in the top half of the first

division, with a new stand which they could not fill, and no more million pound players. They could, he implies, have plummeted like Villa or Sunderland or Wolves. Since winning the League title in 1978, Forest's position over nine years has been: second, fifth, seventh, twelfth, fifth, third, ninth, eighth, eighth. "I've won what no one else but Bob Paisley has had — permanent employment," he says.

The only way in which he now feels out of touch with players as the age gap widens, he says, is in their taste in music. Teaching a full-back how to tackle or head the ball never changes.

"It never will," he says. "That's the easy part. Sometimes it can be difficult convincing the team that your principles are right when they've just lost to a team playing a different way. But we're playing exactly the same as we did eight years ago — good football."

Gemmill, so long one of his architects on the pitch and now his coach, agrees. "It's the same as when I joined them 20 years ago," he says. "Go and attack the opposition. We play to win."

END COLUMN

Golfing oasis is not a mirage

From Mitchell Platts
Dubai Golf Correspondent

In the unlikely setting of the Arabian desert, James Williams has created a piece of golfing history which his former Shropshire county colleagues, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam, can never hope to emulate.

For the Welshman, aged 29, the green, grassy patch of home is now an astonishing patchwork section of the desert floor, measuring some 700,000 square metres, and known as the Emirates Golf Club. It is the first grass championship course to be constructed in the Gulf and Williams has the honour of being the first professional.

It was on Tuesday that President Zia of Pakistan officially opened the course, which will be inaugurated tomorrow with a £50,000 challenge match, when Howard Clark and Sam Torrance face the Australians, Roger Davis and Graham Marsh, for the Dunhill Trophy.

It is hoped that the 1989 European Tour will decide to start here next March and if that comes to fruition then the European golfing caravan will come to a stop in the desert simply because of one man's love of racing.

Worlds away from golf at Doncaster

For Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Minister of Defence, who owns more than 1,000 thoroughbreds worth probably in excess of £500 million, was watching a televised race meeting at Doncaster when it was interrupted by a shot of a local golf course. Alongside him sat Stephen Trutch, from Leeds, a seven handicap golfer.

Sheikh Mohammed displayed an interest, acknowledging that it could consolidate Dubai's reputation as an international sporting venue, and Trutch became the project co-ordinator for a course that stretches 7,100 yards with a par of 72 and cost about £1 million to build.

That sum, of course, seems in comparison to the £7 million — give or take the odd £100,000 — which Sheikh Mohammed paid for a yearling called Snafu Dancer, which never even saw a racetrack.

Even so, there has been no cost-cutting since 18 months ago Sheikh Mohammed settled on the site, which is a 15-minute drive from the airport along the main highway which reaches on to Abu Dhabi.

The clue to the success of the project was a giant desalination plant that purifies Gulf water for the million gallons a day which is required in the scorching summers to satisfy the thirst of the hybrid Bermuda grass, brought in from Tifton, Georgia. Two lakes were created to hold 10 million gallons of water while some 750 sprinklers are served by an intricate network of underground pipes.

Irrigation makes the desert bloom

Nitrogen, phosphate and potassium were introduced to help feed the grass which had been hand-sown onto the greens and planted hydraulically on the fairways. Royal Wootton Bassett, a horticultural and turfing firm from Wiltshire, and from Arizona and California, along with date and coconut palms, are among the thousands of trees and shrubs that complement this desert greenery.

The distinctive clubhouse, space-age in design though characteristically resembling a family of beehive tents, will be "home" initially for 500 members, although 1,500 are contemplated. Trutch said: "After tomorrow's challenge match my office stops functioning. It and the board of directors, on which two sheikhs will sit, will look after the affairs of the club. I would expect the annual subscription to be around £3,000 next year."

The entire project has cost £5 million and even Sheikh Mohammed's tasteless "for playing the game appeared to be whistled as he sat on the edge of his seat watching the Manchester professional, Noel Hunt, perform his unique repertoire of trick shots at the opening ceremony.

"You never know, he could become one of my pupils," Williams said. "At present only a couple of Arabs play golf but if the sheikh takes up the game then there really could be a golfing explosion here."



Clough: an attacking philosophy

Bannister set for return to Coventry

By Chris Moore

Gary Bannister, the free-scoring Queen's Park Rangers forward, is poised to rejoin Coventry City today for £300,000. The former England under-21 international, aged 27, began his career at Highfield Road 10 years ago before being sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £100,000 during the summer of 1981.

Bannister is understood to have agreed terms with John Sillett, the Coventry manager, yesterday, though Sillett was not available to say whether the deal had been completed.

"It was one I could have turned down," Jim Smith, the QPR manager, said. "But there are certain times when you have to sell players to be able to deal in the market elsewhere. I want to change a couple of things around for next season and need the cash to be able to do so."

Bannister, who has averaged almost a goal every two games during his career, was linked with a return to Highfield Road last summer when he was quoted as saying he would "walk back to Coventry" if they wanted him. But Sillett instead chose to invest a club-record fee of £750,000 on David Speedie.

Ironically, it has been Speedie's struggle to find his form at Highfield Road this season that prompted Sillett's swoop for Bannister yesterday. This is bound to fuel speculation about the future of the other Coventry forwards, in particular, Speedie himself, Cyrille Regis and Keith Houchen, at least one of whom would become surplus.

In his first spell at Highfield Road, Bannister scored three goals in 22 appearances.

Machin's gamble leaves four on the injury list

By Ian Ross

The best-laid plans of Mel Machin, the Manchester City manager, are in ruins this morning with just three days to go before their FA Cup sixth-round tie against the competition favourites, Liverpool, at Maine Road on Sunday.

Machin was left counting the cost of the 2-1 League victory over Sheffield United on Tuesday night, with four key players injured at Bramall Lane now rated doubtful for the televised game.

The most concern is for the young midfielder player, Paul Lake, who is widely tipped as a future England international and whose value is conservatively estimated at £1 million. Lake limped off during the midweek game and was yesterday receiving intensive treatment on a badly bruised and swollen left knee.

Cloud over Hollins

Although John Hollins, the Chelsea manager — who was told last week that his contract will not be renewed in June — had his position confirmed on the return from a trip to South America by his chairman, Ken Bates, his future remains clouded (Dennis Sigby writes).

Hollins is understood to have taken legal advice when his coach, Ernie Walley, left Stamford Bridge the day after Bates went abroad and Bobby Campbell, the former Fulham and Portsmouth manager, was later appointed by the directors without his recommendation.

Although Hollins publicly accepted that he would work with Campbell, I understand

City's other casualties are the captain, Clements (gashed knee), Brightwell (groin strain) and Scott (bruised thigh). Machin, who fielded his strongest available side at Sheffield in an attempt to breathe new life into the club's fading second-division promotion challenge, admitted that, at best, all four men have only an even chance of facing the League champions elict.

"It will be a tense and long countdown," Machin said. "This is obviously the very last thing I wanted because it wrecks everything right up until the last minute. It means that my selection plans are now open to all sorts of possible permutations."

"I had more or less got my team line-up in my mind before this happened. We are just going to have to carry on

Cup replay dates

Replay dates for the FA Cup sixth round:

Wednesday, March 16 (7.30 unless stated): Nottingham Forest v Arsenal; Portsmouth v Luton Town; Watford v Middlesbrough (7.45); Liverpool v Manchester City.

Meanwhile, Hollins retains team selection and supervision of tactics and Campbell oversees the coaching and works with the players.

Woodcock praised by Sports Council

John Woodcock, of *The Times*, is today given a special commendation in the Sports Journalist of the Year awards promoted by the Sports Council and the Sports Writers' Association of Great Britain.

He is cited for his contribution to sports journalism.

Woodcock was Cricket Correspondent of this newspaper for 34 years until the beginning of this year, when he chose to move a little down the betting order after covering more than 300 Test matches.

He continues to write on

and not mention Liverpool until much later in the week."

Of the casualties, Brightwell is the most likely to recover in time to take his place before a crowd that is likely to exceed 46,000. The good news for Machin as he attempts to plot Liverpool's downfall is that the defender, Gidman, and the midfielder player, McNab, both of whom missed Tuesday's game through injury, are back in training and should be available for selection.

The highly rated forward, Paul Stewart, will return to the side after completing a two-match suspension. Machin still believes his side to be capable of inflicting what would be Liverpool's second defeat of the season. City have won their last three games and earlier in the season knocked both Watford and Nottingham Forest out of the Littlewoods Cup on home soil.

Machin said: "This is a one-off situation — a classic underdog tie — but if we do play to our best standards we can beat anyone, as I have said before. The occasion could get to us but I don't think it will because earlier in the season we played at Everton in the Littlewoods Cup and that was good experience for us."

Liverpool will be without the full back, Venison, who had his appendix removed on Tuesday and will be sidelined for at least a month.

Gillespie, the Scottish international, could well return after a six-match absence because of a torn thigh muscle; also in line for recalls after injury are Whelan and Aldridge.



Hit and won: Smith, of New Zealand, waits in vain as Fairbrother launches out. Report, page 42

Hanley to stay put at Wigan

By A Special Correspondent

Ellery Hanley, Wigan's Great Britain captain, has settled his differences with his club and is ready to play in Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Salford.

The rift between Graham Lowe, the Wigan coach, and Rugby League's highest-paid player was repaired yesterday in a meeting between the two men. Lowe said: "I'm not saying what we discussed but we are both looking forward to getting on with the business."

Hanley was dropped last month and put on the transfer list at a record £225,000 after Lowe had accused him of uncooperative behaviour in training. The Wigan board is expected to remove his name from the transfer list.

Joe Lydon, the Great Britain threequarter, has recovered from a leg muscle injury and is also expected to be in Wigan's team. However, the New Zealand centre, Dean Bell, who has recovered from a four-month lay-off following surgery, has doubts and seems certain to miss the match.

Preston changes codes in despair

By Peter Bills

Mark Preston, the Flyde left wing, yesterday switched rugby codes from Union to League and said: "I wanted a Wigan shirt more than an England Union one."

Preston, who scored 59 tries in 62 games for Flyde, realized a lifelong ambition in turning professional. "My family as far back as my grandfather had supported Wigan," he said. "I am proud to have joined them."

Behind the transfer, believed to be worth £30,000 over three years, lies the story of another promising Union player suffering abject disillusionment.

"I had played for England B against Italy last week and felt I did pretty well," he said. "I scored a try and felt satisfied with my performance. But then when the team to play Spain was selected I was not even on the replacement bench. No one said anything to me about it, I was left to guess why I had been dropped."

"I had felt there was a chance of playing for England at some stage in the future. I

suspected that by the time England might come around to picking me I would probably be over 25 and past my best. I do not pretend my exclusion from the England B side for the next match was the only reason but it did influence my decision."

Preston believes that England's selections are bold enough to take the kind of selection gamble that saw Wales choose Clement, the Swansea stand-off half, at full back. "At Flyde we despaired of ever seeing selectors unless they wanted to watch Dooley or Bainbridge," he said.

Preston was scheduled to make his League debut in Wigan's A side at Hull KR last night. He expects to spend the remainder of this season in their reserves, adapting to the change of codes, before pushing for a first-team place next season.

The Flyde chairman, Peter Makin, said: "He will be a great loss to the Union game. We think he has been the most outstanding wing who has ever played for us."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Williams rewarded

Geoff Williams, the former national champion, has jumped from sixth place to first in the new Squash Racquets Association rankings list.

He replaces Neil Harvey, of Essex, thanks to wins over the world-ranked Rose Norman and Umar Hayat Khan, and over Harvey and the British No. 2, Phil Kenyon. Del Harris has been offered a wildcard entry to the British open championships in April.

The final bell

Teofilo Stevenson, who won the Olympic heavyweight boxing title in 1972, 1976 and 1980, will formally retire in June. Stevenson, who will be 36 on March 20, is the only man besides László Papp, of Hungary, to have won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in boxing.



Williams: heads rankings

Drivers strike

Antwerp (Reuters) — Bus and tram drivers in Antwerp will stop carrying supporters to "problem" football matches following recent outbreaks of violence. Two coaches and two trams were wrecked and drivers attacked after a League game involving Antwerp and Bruges last month. "This has gone too far," a trade union spokesman said yesterday. "The authorities cannot guarantee our safety, so we will take care of ourselves."

Joining Sale

Steve Burnhill, the former England Rugby Union centre, is leaving Leicester to join Sale at the end of the season. Burnhill, who went on England's tour to South Africa in 1984, has decided to move because he cannot command a regular first-team place and is tired of making 200-mile round trips from his home in Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, for training and games.

Tyre tests still bring the best out of Ferrari

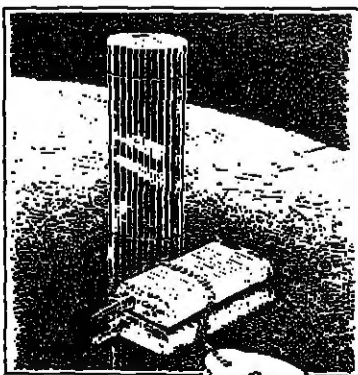
Rio de Janeiro (AP) — Ferrari continued to dominate tyre tests for Formula One teams here with Michele Alboreto, of Italy, setting the fastest lap for the second successive day.

Alboreto, in the new Ferrari turbo, had a best lap of 1min 30.21sec around the 3.125-mile course at the Nelson Piquet track.

The big surprise of the day was the excellent time of the Benetton-Ford driven by Thierry Boutsen, of Belgium. Boutsen recorded the second-fastest time, 1min 30.81sec, even though his aspirated engine has less horsepower than the turbos. The fifth best time, of 1min 31.61sec, came from Nigel Mansell in his Williams.

The tests continue until Saturday, in preparation for the Brazilian Grand Prix, which opens the season on April 3.

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